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The steamship *Hermann*, which left Bremen April 16 and Southampton April 20, reached this port yesterday, with two days' later news than was at hand by the *Africa*.

The resignation of a well-known stipendiary magistrate in London has recently been announced, says the *Pall Mall Gazette*, but not its cause. The learned gentleman had, in fact, run away with the wife of a merchant and justice of the peace, living in the same town, a lady who is said to be possessed of £100,000 in her own right. The stipendiary magistrate is married and has children. The lady has returned to her husband.

The *Gaulois* announces that M. TAILLEBER, the cashier of one of the largest insurance companies in Paris, has embezzled a sum of 1,500,000 francs. Less clever than Mr. HIGGS, he allowed himself to be caught, and is now at Mazas. He had been thirty-nine years in the company's employ. The chairman proposed to hush the matter up, and offered to put down 250,000 toward making up the defalcations, but, the *Gaulois* adds, the other directors refused.

A duel took place on April 17 in the Ile de Croissy, near Paris, between M. DES PERRIERES, a writer in the *Nain Jaune*, and M. MEYER, of the *Paris*. The cause of the meeting was an offensive sketch, published in the first-named journal, of "Duke John," one of the pseudonyms of M. MEYER. The latter demanded satisfaction, and the seconds arranged that the combatants should first use pistols and exchange four balls, and that then, if no sufficient result were arrived at, should continue the fight with swords. The first fire passed over harmlessly, but on the pistols being reloaded, one ball passed close to M. DES PERRIERES' ear, while the other struck M. MEYER in the side, passing on until stopped by a bone. The wound was immediately dressed, but without the lead being then extracted. No danger is apprehended.

On April 16 the inhabitants of Zurich adopted by 34,441 against 22,261 votes, the new cantonal Constitution, which is of a purely democratic character.

A Ministerial crisis appeared to be imminent at The Hague, on the subject of the bill the Dutch Government has brought forward to grant a sum of eleven millions of florins (fl. 10c. each) for the construction of railways in the island of Java; the State thinks it necessary to assist the Colony, the prosperity of which is seriously compromised, and which is not, as formerly a source of profit to the mother country. The First Chamber was, however, opposed to the credit, and the matter was to be made a Cabinet question.

In the Spanish Cortes on April 17, the Government were asked why no iron-clad vessels had been sent to Cuba. Admiral TOPETE, in reply, said that the *Victoria*, an iron-clad, had left on the previous day. Twenty-two vessels were already at the island, he added, and others were preparing to leave, but there were not sailors enough to man them. Admiral TOPETE concluded by stating that the present Spanish Squadron might not, perhaps, "suffice to maintain the integrity of the island as a portion of Spanish territory."

The archives of the Holy Synod, St. Petersburg, which contain materials of the highest value for the history of the Russian Church and religious legislation, have remained hitherto but little known and almost inaccessible to the studies of the learned. The Emperor ALEXANDER has just authorized the appointment of a special commission charged to place these documents in order, and to publish a certain number of them.

The *Friend of India* newspaper says there is still severe famine in that country. About Sepree there was much misery. Hundreds flocked to the station in every stage of starvation. There were some 1,500 paupers, many of them past work. Day by day bodies were found of those who had fainted and died before they could reach the relief-house which the English have started. All had joined to support the fund for food—every European, the sowars of the First Cavalry, and the traders of the Bazaar. The Maharajah SINDIA subscribed to it, and has given 2,000 rupees to build a travelers' serai and so give present employment for those who can labor. At Goons similar scenes were going on. The political agent, Captain BRADFORD, had organised a fund to feed the sufferers who gather there, and to this also the officers and men of the Central India Horse had subscribed. The Government of India, without reference to the territory of the starving wanderers, had given 2,000 rupees as a grant in aid at Sepree, and would no doubt be equally liberal at Goona.

The usual scourge of the Australian Summer—bush fires—has this season caused a great extent of damage. At Colac, a very large extent of country, principally pastural, had been swept; many destructive fires had raged along the coast between Cape Otway and Port Fairy; and a large number of farmers at and near Ballarook had their places utterly devastated. In many cases the fences and the whole produce of the year's harvest were consumed, and the unfortunate landholders had been deprived of everything they possessed.

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

The Irish Church—Further Discussions in Parliament—American Congressional Customs—Scenes in Both Houses—Mr. Dickens and the Outdoor Pauper Caricature—Adventures of a Runaway—The Royal Tourists.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, April 17, 1865.

The bill for arranging the dissolution of the Irish Church is once more before the House of Commons, and the discussions which arise upon its details in committee are not wanting in warmth and animation, whatever may be thought of their merit or originality. The subject has been talked to death, but some people are not tired of it, although I fancy your readers cannot be reckoned among that number. The proceedings this week have amounted, practically, to this—the Conservatives have tried to arrest the progress of the bill, and failed. They have next endeavored to mutilate it in committee, and in this attempt also they were unsuccessful. The details of these operations would prove extremely uninteresting and tiresome read a fortnight after their occurrence, and consequently I abstain from entering into any description of them. This course is the more incumbent upon me from the almost certain knowledge that the bill will pass in its entirety in the House of Commons, and that the great struggle—one might almost say the only struggle worth the attention of foreign observers now—will take place in the House of Lords. There a resolute effort will probably be made to throw the whole bill overboard, and if it is accomplished—look out for a row! The Radicals have the day in their hands, and Mr. BRIGHT will soon find his way to the front to raise the cry, "Down with the House of Lords!" if his present address is abandoned with. There are stormy times before us, and the vantage which is chiefly prized forth in the Houses of Commons will be changed by-and-bye for an exasperation which many of our public men seem little prepared for.

What in some respects American politicians will be informed of is the rapidity with which Congressional business are being adapted in the British Parliament. The subject passes with little or no discussion from one to the other, and questions of moment which columns of leaders are written on in the first place, the ordinary system of managing public business has taken a wonderful hold upon members during the present session—which, you will remember, is the first of a new Parliament. The "Massacre" of the House of Commons acquired a certain degree of notoriety during the reform debates of 1866-67, but it is now almost as important as the Rump itself. Party leaders issue edicts from thence, and threats with their followers the course which ought to be taken in reference to any particular measure. If a private member has a bill in hand, he gets up a caucus on his own account, and settles with his friends the mode of proceeding with his scheme. The effect of this is that the Liberal side of the House, by whom this expedient has chiefly been tried, are far more united within the House itself, when a measure comes under discussion, than they ever were before. This formal adoption of the canons is a very different thing from the general summons issued by a party by its recognized leader to meet for the purpose of consultation over a grand campaign. Such occasions were exceptional and rare, but scarcely a day now passes when the caucus is not made to answer some useful end.

As a necessary consequence, the power of the majority begins to be oppressive. The preliminary arrangements and disposition of the forces has shown the majority exactly what they are able to effect, and they go into the House with a feeling of contempt for their opponents. They will listen to them, perhaps, but they do not condescend to answer them. Thus, on Thursday evening a five or six hours' debate was kept up entirely by one side—always a difficult feat, as Mr. DISRAELI afterward said. The speakers were none of them in the first rank of the Opposition, but still the question at issue is admitted to be one of vast importance: Mr. GLADSTONE himself has said that no more important question was ever brought before the House of Commons. Under such circumstances, the arguments of the Opposition were at least entitled to respectful attention. But the majority knew their strength, and resolved to use it. At first they tried absolutely to gag Conservative speakers. Several caucuses had been held in the course of the afternoon, and orders had proceeded from Mr. GLADSTONE that no one on the Liberal side of the House should reply to any speech. His followers in their zeal went a step further than this, and tried to put an end to all speaking. There cannot be a moment's doubt that, if that ingenious device known in Congress as "the previous question" existed in Parliamentary practice, it would have been turned to account the night before last. But with us the "previous question" means simply a resolution for taking a vote of the House with regard to the expediency of coming to any decision on the question raised, and it may be debated. It does not have the effect of shutting off debate.

The majority, then, lacked this formidable instrument, and the only way they could suppress the minority was by shouting them down. This plan was tried for more than two hours. The Liberals kept up a constant din in the Chamber, [illegible] by every means not absolutely prohibited by Parliamentary law, and endeavoring to prevent a single word being heard. They cried "Divide" until they were hoarse, but the Conservatives "got their backs up," as the saying goes, and would not be silenced against their will. As the dinner hour approached, the shouters grew hungry, and gradually went home to dinner. There was an interval of comparative peace, and the Conservatives made the most of it. In a few months' time, if all this goes on unchecked, we shall see the minority reduced to filibustering, and as members of Parliament are obliged to leave the House in order to record their votes, this means of defence will not be altogether unattended with inconvenience to the assailants.

ART AND MISERY.

The next exhibition of the Royal Academy will be held in the new building, so that there is an end of the inconvenient rooms in the Trafalgar-square. The principal living artists have contributed to the exhibition, which is expected to be rather above the average than below it. What anxious hearts there are at this moment awaiting the decision of the Committee which decides the acceptance or rejection of pictures! Many a poor artist has staked all his hopes on the work of the past year, sent in with fear and trembling for examination, perhaps only to be rejected after all. There must be some disappointed men. Only last night one of the city Coroners held an inquest on the body of a poor French artist who had been at work upon one picture for *five* years. He neglected all other work for that, and gradually fell into debt and difficulty. He thought of sending it to the Royal Academy, but health and spirits alike gave way. His landlady testified that he was in "poor circumstances, his principal food being a loaf of bread and a pint of milk daily." He owed six weeks' rent, but at last seeing that he was absolutely without food, his landlady lent him a small trifle of money. The poor fellow said, "Thank you; God bless you." One morning they tapped at his door, but there was no answer. He had died in his bed of starvation. So runs, alas! many a tale of London life. I never look round upon this huge city without feeling sad to think how many breaking hearts there always are among so large a mass of human beings. To London men anxious to get on in the world still come—but how few of them are ever heard of again!

MR. DICKENS AND HIS CRITICS.

The dinner given to Mr. DICKENS recently, at Liverpool, has given rise to some criticisms upon his true place in literature. The *Spectator*, while pronouncing the very highest eulogiums on Mr. DICKENS' *humor*, denies that he possesses some higher qualities which over-enthusiastic admirers have ascribed to him. "Half the geniality which is supposed to be Mr. DICKENS' great merit, is the most vulgar good-humor of temperament—a strong disposition to approve the distribution of punch and plum-pudding, clear men heartily on the back, and kiss pretty women indiscreetly." The writer then speaks of Mr. DICKENS' "mawkish and unreal sentimentalism," of "sentimentous passages tending to excite nausea," and says that Mr. DICKENS "has brought people to think that there is a sort of piety in being gushing and maudlin." But as a humorist the critic takes Mr. DICKENS to be without a rival in any age of the world—"not even excepting ARISTOPHANES or SHAKESPEARE." Perhaps Mr. DICKENS will reconcile himself to the powder for the sake of the jam in which it is presented.

ENGLISH CARICATURES.

The series of caricatures of many of our leading public men now in course of publication in *Vanity Fair* has already attracted much attention. The drawings are excellent, and the likeness of the most depicted is so accurate as a rule that the face itself can scarcely be called a caricature. The characteristic attitudes and positions of the persons selected are points which have been carefully studied by the artist, whoever he may be. Perhaps the most sketches of this series have been those of Mr. BRIGHT, Mr. GLADSTONE and Mr. DISRAELI—among the earliest published. The artist has evidently improved with practice. The sketch of Mr. Lowe [illegible]

[illegible] Lord GRANVILLE was very good; but the three latest issued have excited general praise, even from critics. They represent the Marquis of HARTINGTON, Mr. STANSFELD and the Duke of ARGYLL. The Duke of ARGYLL is a good portrait, and the color of his hair is "not much exaggerated." The letter-press comments are not worth very much, but Mr. STANSFELD was very well criticised on last week, and the Duke of ARGYLL also. Of the Duke the writer says:

"Looking to his extraordinary abilities, he would, if he had the will, be a very formidable opponent. He is a thorough master of words, and in that sense of the word is a thorough debater; but he is not a debater in the sense of a man who can meet his opponent face to face, and fight him with his own weapons. He is not a man to make Turkish slippers. [Query—Is he not a descendant of the men who had made the magnificent sample of Turkish?] Looking at him, we should say that he never reasoned himself. He has never reasoned others. They were persuaded by the civil power, and not by the Church, and the proof was that they had to blame when they were treated with severity. He could understand intolerance in the Catholic Church, because it represented authority which was bound to repress disorder and heresy; but intolerance was absurd and ridiculous in the Protestant Church, which proclaimed and practiced the doctrine of free examination. Having more fully entered into a discussion of the text of the Constitution, he declared himself a passionate partisan of all national liberties, but a true Catholic could not admit the absolute liberty of discussion. Referring to article 80, which says, "The Spanish nation binds itself to maintain the worship and the ministers of the Catholic religion," he considered that this declaration was couched in very cold terms for a people so ardently Catholic as the Spanish nation. Instead of saying the nation "binds itself," it should state that the nation "is bound;" because, having seized the property of the clergy, this obligation was sanctioned by the Concordat. But if this first phrase satisfied him but little, that which followed satisfied him still less. It ran thus: "The public or private exercise of every other form of worship is guaranteed to every foreigner residing in Spain, without any other limit than the universal rules of morality and right. If any Spaniards should profess another religion than the Catholic, all the dispositions of the preceding paragraph will be applicable to them." He believed that if this clause were adopted, religions of every kind would introduce themselves in Spain, bringing with them their sacrifices of human blood and their practices of gallantry. He wanted those who spoke so often of the United States, and who were in the habit of citing it as an example in their numerous speeches, to tell him, with the good faith which usually characterised them, if they had ever stopped to examine the real cause of the greatness of the American people. It was a great error to attribute it to freedom of worship. It was due to what came after, but which was not the effect of that religious liberty. The United States prospered from its juvenile ardor, and it counted among its population a respectable number of Catholics. Did they know what the emigrants to that country had amounted to since 1826? About 1,200,000 souls. Did they know in what class there was the largest number of conversions? Among the officers of the army, who recognized in the clergy the representatives of Christ and the envoys of God. If Spain cast herself into the arms of "free worship," abandoned by God, she would utterly perish. Her name would disappear from the list of civilized nations, and she would fall into a deep grave, over which might be written this epitaph: "Here lies an apostate who renounced eternal happiness for riches, and who has passed away from the latter after having lost the former." [Laughter and general cheers.]

Señor CASTELAR then claimed permission to correct some of the statements made by the reverend Deputy, and having obtained it, proceeded to address the Chamber as follows:

"SENORES DIPUTADOS: Immense is the misfortune for me, but greater for the Cortes, to find myself forced, by the duties of my position and by duties of courtesy, to address you this afternoon, against my will; the attention of this Congress will, I hope, the Cortes will pardon me, and not attribute such long and continuous discourse to my intemperance of speech! I solemnly promise not to speak again for some time, and especially in the discussion on the liberty of the Constitution. The illustrious Señor RIOS ROSAS said, with the authority which his speech, talent, eloquence and character give him, that he doubted if he had any right to give me counsel. Not only has he the right, but it is the duty to counsel a beginner, a young man, a youth. When Señor RIOS ROSAS counseled me that I should not treat the Church with such acerbity, a great doubt filled my soul. I doubted if I had been just. I doubted if I had been prudent. But then I attacked no belief; I struck no worship. I only struck at the Church, organized as a power for the State, could not fail to bring about grand perturbations, for in its anxiety to subject the civil authority to its criterion of absolute and heavenly-revealed authority, it would constantly commence all rights. Gentlemen, if I had any doubts, if I had any remorse, they vanished before the words of Señor MONTEROLA. The reverend Deputy, with the authority which his knowledge, his virtues, his high representation in this Chamber give him, has referred to us that is the criterion of the clergy upon modern rights, upon the national sovereignty, upon religious toleration, and upon the future of the nation. If I had not found all this in my speech I should have deceived myself, and with all my heart I would have repented. But Señor MONTEROLA has confirmed all this afterward, and in affirming and confirming my words. He has said to us that he combats the national sovereignty, for he does not find it in the formula of the sovereignty of the Church. Have we not seen that after so many cataclysms and after the conclusion of so many religious wars, after the advent of so many social States, after so many Concordats, in which the Church has had to accept the civil existence of many religions, even though she agreed to them, she has not been able to lose her ancient criterion—the criterion of GREGORY VII. and of INNOCENT III.—but still believes that all civil powers are a usurpation of her sovereign power!

Gentlemen, none more than I have applauded the presence of Señor MONTESOLA in this place, the presence of the illustrious Bishop of Jaen, and the presence of the illustrious Cardinal of Santiago; I believe that this Chamber would not be the genuine expression of the country if there had not come to it those who guard the sacred deposit of our ancient belief, and who direct the morals of our families. I look on them with much respect, and with great veneration for their talents, their age and the greatest ministry they represent. Consecrated from an early age to the worship of abstract and pure ideas, in the midst of a society delivered in reality very much to the worship of materialism, very attached to the healthiness, to that species of indifferentism in which the spirit has fallen, any idea admits that there must be something of the infinite, something of the divine. But, gentlemen, I say more. I make a greater concession to the gentlemen who sit on these benches, inside the approval from the Bishops.] I make a concession which I ought to make, for it is true. When liberty comes the material bonds are loosened, when the material bonds are loosened the moral bonds are tightened! Thus it is necessary for a society to live freely; it is absolutely indispensable that it should have grand moral bonds, grand bonds of ideas, rights and duties—duties imposed not by civil authority nor by armies, but by its own reason and by its own conscience! For this, gentlemen, I have not seen when I have come to enfranchise peoples, I have never seen the festival of Sunday kept! I have never seen it kept in Spain! I have never seen it kept in France! The Sabbath among an enslaved people is a saturnalia. On the other hand, I have seen the Sunday celebrated with austere religious severity, with a severity of customs which astonishes, among the only two *free* peoples which I have visited in my extensive peregrinations throughout Europe—in Switzerland and in England. And now is this I know how it is. It is because there are bonds of custom and of habitudes which do not exist where religion is imposed by force, by means of artificial and mechanical laws, upon the will and the consciences! So it is that a Russian Prince once remarked to me in Geneva, that they had more liberty in St. Petersburg than in New York; and on my asking him how, he answered, "For a very simple reason. I am very fond of music, and in St. Petersburg I can play my violin on Sundays, while I cannot do it in New-York!" The separation of the Church from the State, the freedom of worship, religious liberty, consequences [illegible] great principles—the voluntary acceptation of religion, or of metaphysics, or of the [illegible] individual sin in his conscience, morality each individual [illegible] Señor MONTEROLA knows what St. Paul says: "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

CHARITABLE REFORM.

The Massachusetts Board of State Charities—Advanced Views on the Science of Public Charity.

The Massachusetts Board of State Charities, though created only some five years since, has already made itself famous among the *experts* in charitable reforms by its Reports, or rather its statements of theories and principles which should lie at the basis of public charities.

Those who have been engaged in certain branches of juvenile charity and reform in New-York, will be more than interested in these Reports to see their own principles—carried out in this City to a certain degree in private organizations, but against much opposition—fully recognized, and recommended for entire adoption by all branches of public charities for children and youth.

The great questions debated throughout the whole field of the treatment of unfortunate, deserted, criminal and foundling children, are the respective merits of "the individual and the congregated plan"—"the Family" and "the Asylum" system. A large number of persons now in various countries, who have devoted themselves to the subject of the care of the neglected juvenile classes, both as a science and a profession, have come to certain conclusions, which they hold as demonstrated propositions, and which they believe are to be the foundations of any improved treatment in the future of these unfortunate cases.

They take the ground that the family is the best of all institutions for a child, whether he be blind, or mute, or orphan, or neglected, or criminal, (if moderately so,) or foundling. The great end, they hold, of all charitable and reformatory treatment is development of character; and this, for a child, is best of all accomplished by individual influences—those of a family and a home.

Aggregation in large institutions breeds unnatural vices, cultivates artificial virtues, increases temptations, diminishes physical power, unfits for practical life, and is very expensive to the public.

Where the real family cannot be obtained for such children, with sufficient safeguards or means of education, then the modern idea of the true reformatory demands that the asylum or place of retention should be as much as possible the average farm-house and family; that the buildings should be small and capable of containing only twenty or thirty children, with women in attendance, and housework after rural fashion going on—inasmuch as the average condition for all children is that of the farm where work is done by the hand, not by machinery, and children of the State must especially expect to support themselves by labor in the ground.

This is the theory and practice proved by so many years of thorough trial of that best European reformatory—the *Rauhe Haus* of Hamburg.

All the best reformatories, such as Mettrai, Mr. TURNER'S, in England, and many others, are formed on a plan of "groups," or separate little families or circles.

As compared with the large asylums or refuges, this system is indeed somewhat more cumbersome, and demanding more thought and contrivance. It is doubtful if it is more expensive; and, in the nature of things, it must bear far better fruit for the State.

The Massachusetts Board, however, goes much beyond this point in its recommendations, and stands substantially on the same ground so long occupied in New-York by the operations of the "Children's Aid Society."

They argue in words which need no emphasizing here, on the great dangers which always await the transferring individual duties of charity to the State; and that the true theory and most practical plan seems to be to leave a large proportion of public charity to associations of individuals, but to give them unity and purpose and solidity by State aid and inspection; then everywhere to throw upon individuals the duties and labors which now are performed by asylums, refuges and reformatories. In this way they expect more healthy moral results upon the children's characters, prolonged lives for the infants, a happier existence for the defective and unfortunate, and *a greatly reduced expense* to the State.

As an instance of the logical and vigorous method in which the Massachusetts Board have carried out these ideas, we take their treatment of the

FOUNDLING QUESTION.

They show from past history the terrible consequences to foundling infants of the asylum or hospital system; diseases raging without check in these caravansaries of infants, so that the averages show that out of 100 children entering them only ten escape. In France alone there were 257 foundling asylums, of which 217 had the revolving cradles, where an illegitimate child could be deposited by its mother and no witnesses be present. So terrible have been the moral and physical evils and abuses of these great asylums in France, that three-quarters are now closed and the revolving cradles are mostly abolished.

In accordance with the new ideas there are substituted for the grand hospices for foundlings, small and home-like establishments, such as the *crèches* where the infants of poor people are taken care of while the mothers are at work; (2.) temporary homes or transient asylums, and last, as best of all, the placing the infants to board in ordinary families in the country. The mortality of public foundlings is thus reduced from ninety per cent. to thirty—fifty per cent. in good asylums, and twenty-five to thirty-five per cent. in good single families, which is near the normal death-rate of all infants. The Board accordingly advise strongly *against* a large State Foundling Hospital, but rather urge the placing by State officials of all motherless and abandoned children to nurse in private families, limiting one child to each family, and paying sufficient compensation to secure good places and careful supervision.

In justification of this recommendation they detail the painful experiences of the Ward's Island Foundling Hospital, which they admit was as well managed as a large institution can be. The tables of mortality show that out of 608 infants admitted here in eleven months only 150, or about twenty-five per cent., have died; while of 909 motherless infants, 889, or about ninety per cent., have died.

The physician, (Dr. CASTLE,) sorrowfully admitting that he has scarcely known one motherless infant under six months old at admission and nursed on the bottle by a foster mother, that did not die within three months!

In recommending the method adopted in France of placing children to nurse in private families, they desire the public carefully to distinguish between the public system, known there as the Bureau St. Apolline, regarding *enfant's assistés*, and the private bureaux for *enfant's placés*, which have been the scenes of shocking abuses; the mortality under the former being reduced almost to the usual death-rate.

The "boarding-out policy" seems to be even more fully carried out in Prussia. In Berlin more than half the pauper children are thus dealt with. Some 800 are distributed about in cottages in Brandenburg alone; the clergy voluntarily exercising surveillance over those in villages. And when an asylum is employed, it is made up of a number of houses, with a comparatively small number in each.

The present writer has had occasion to examine a similar system in Norway, where it has been very successful.

The loss of every healthy child is no doubt a great economical loss to a community like ours. Moreover, humanity and Christianity demand that we should guard the lives of the helpless infants of the State. Now, thousands on thousands are destroyed, either in infanticide or feticide, or by large and badly-planned asylums, with those fiends in human form, strange foster-mothers from a criminal class.

The true course to guard against these evils seems, as usual, the middle one—not providing the secret revolving cradle, which makes abandonment too easy, nor, on the other hand, requiring every mother to be sent to a semi-criminal institution before her child can be provided for, thus tempting to infanticide. Let us have rather in New-York a transient Infant Asylum, open, on certain reasonable conditions, to all mothers with children, or all deserted infants, but where there shall be but a few lodged, and from which the unhappy foundlings can be continually boarded out in country families. As the Massachusetts Board wisely warn, "Let us beware of great Foundling Asylums!"

REFORMATORIES.

The report argues in the most earnest manner against aggregating large numbers of neglected or vicious children in grand establishments. The mutual influence of such children upon one another, they pronounce utterly corrupting and degrading. "The most potential agency for reform, to wit, the healthful influence of the natural family, is necessarily excluded; and a woman is seldom seen." The influence of instructors and officers is as nothing compared with the social atmosphere, the public opinion of the boys themselves.

They object very urgently even to the "school ship," on this ground. And every new large asylum or refuge for children they regard "as a blot rather than an ornament to the social fabric." They believe that even boys who have committed some petty criminal offence, or who have been arrested as street vagrants, would, after a temporary confinement, and sometimes with no imprisonment at all, do better scattered about in families than in the best congregated asylum. "No watchfulness," they say, "no fidelity, no laboron the part of the managers of such institutions can prevent the evil consequences of the evil principle lying at the foundation of the establishment from cropping out continually, embarrassing the administration of the institution and seriously lessening the amount of reformation which they can effect.

Considerations set forth in former reports of this Board make it at least doubtful whether a considerable number of the boys supposed to be reformed by the instrumentality of the institutions are not of such character and disposition as would have done well under ordinary social influences, and without special restraint or oversight; and that another class are more damaged by the evil-disposed companions of their imprisonment than improved by the discipline of the reformatory.

Certain it is, that notwithstanding the zealous efforts of those directing our reformatories, so unfavorable is the effect of confinement therein, upon a large class of juveniles, that some men experienced in such matters declare they should have more hope of reforming a boy, if they could take him in all his rags and dirt from the Court that convicts him, than after he has been a year in any of the reformatories."

Their conclusions are that no child in one of these reformatories should be retained longer than a period necessary to find a good place for him; then in indenturing or placing him, they recommend paying the employer something annually, instead of requiring the master to pay when the lad is twenty-one, thus making it for the interest of the employer to treat the child well. They hope thus to diminish the number of the reformatory institutions, and to convert them into mere depots for keeping juvenile offenders, till they are suitably placed. While the officers would be employed in visiting and looking after these children in their individual homes, the incorrigibles they would have transferred to "houses of correction for juvenile offenders."

They also recommend the employing agents at the courts of justice who should be the counselors of criminal children, and be authorized, when deemed desirable, to make temporary provision for them before placing them in the country. To those familiar with the operations of the New-York Children's Aid Society, it will be remarkable how thoroughly these advanced principles in reformatory science, which are here set down to theory, have been held and carried out into practical result for the last fifteen years in New-York.

This Society have based all their operations on the principle of the family's being the natural state for every child, and that no juvenile institution should allow itself to keep these neglected and vagrant children in one establishment any longer than is absolutely necessary, but should constantly seek to place them under the influences of a separate home. Their "lodging-houses" have been simply places of transit, or depots where the homeless children could be sheltered and instructed till they could be placed in country homes. Their "industrial schools" only train the street children, or bring them under the moral influence of women until they can find places for themselves or be placed by others.

Working thus, they are enabled now to provide with employment and homes in the country *more than two hundred children a month*, who would be vagrants or criminals, or suffering under the evils of poverty and homelessness. The average expense for this most beneficent emigration is not more than $15 per head.

Experience shows that these boys and girls turn out as well, in the average, as the graduates of any asylums or reformatories. Those who have grown up are calling now in their turn for poor children to help and to educate. And the call for them for Western farms and households is greater than the Society can supply.

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APRIL 22, 1869.

MATTERS AT THE CHARLESTOWN NAVY-YARD.—The iron-clads *Agamenticus*, *Shawnee*, *Wasnee* and *Quinnipiamond*, are lying at the yard. The *Manitou* has been launched and will receive her machinery in a few days. The *Seminole* has left, her destination being Hampton Roads or Fortress Monroe. She went in command of Captain ELIAS K. HOWE, and had on board a crew of 116 men and a marine guard of 11 men. Recruiting was commenced yesterday, and the forty or fifty seamen on board the receiving ship Ohio will probably soon be increased to several hundred. The United States steamers *Shenandoah* and *Tuscarora*, which arrived here last Monday, have gone out of commission, and the crews have been paid off and discharged. Both vessels will be hauled up for repairs early next week. The *Ascutney* is also being fitted out for sea, and will be ready to leave in a few days, and the *Wyandotte* will come to the Portsmouth yard when she is required for active service.—*Boston Post*, May 1.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

Full Text of the Recent Decision of Commissioner Delano.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU, OFFICE OF SOLICITOR, WASHINGTON, April 30, 1869.

SIR: I have examined the questions arising in the case of Messrs. CLARK, DODGE & Co., argued on the 20th inst., and will now state the conclusion at which I have arrived. It appears that Assessor R. D. WEBSTER, of the Thirty-second District of New-York, made an assessment of $13,750.12 against the above-named firm, and added fifty per cent. as penalty, making the entire assessment $20,625.18, which sum he claimed they were liable to pay on their capital and deposits as bankers for the fifteen months commencing Dec. 1, 1867, and ending March 1, 1869. CLARK, DODGE & Co. appealed to you from the decision of the Assessor, and have appeared before you and have been heard by eminent counsel. The only testimony in the case is the deposition of JOHN T. MAXWELL, one of the firm, taken by the Assessor. He testifies among other things that said firm had paid a license (special tax) as bankers, and during the period in controversy, were doing business under that license; that the capital of the firm amounted to $600,000; that during the month of November, 1868, the amount of money borrowed by the firm and used in their business as bankers, averaged $1,500,000; and that their deposits averaged $202,000. It was conceded that the month of November should be taken as a fair average of the entire fifteen months. That I may not mistake his testimony, I will quote from his deposition as follows:

Question 20.—Can you tell me how much money you borrowed and used in your business as bankers during the month of November, 1868? Answer.—The gross amount of all moneys borrowed by us during the month of November, 1868, divided by the number of days in the month, make an average of $1,792,000.

Question 21.—In this gross amount testified to by you, did you include margins and deposits? Answer.—Yes, Sir.

Question 22.—Of that gross amount, what sum was borrowed money used and employed in your business as bankers borrowed from outside? Answer.—$1,500,000.

Question 23.—What sum was received as margin on stock transactions? Answer.—$90,000.

Question 24.—What sum was deposits? Answer.—The balance of the $1,792,000, $202,000, was for money received from our customers, for which we allowed interest, and that is what I presume you call deposits.

Question 25.—Was any portion of the $202,000 deposited as margins? Answer.—No, Sir.

Question 26.—Was any portion of it deposited by a customer to his account? Answer.—It was deposited to get an interest.

Question 27.—Was it subject to payment by check or on demand, or at any day? Answer.—It was payable principally on demand.

Question 28.—Was any portion of this $202,000 paid on check or draft? Answer.—I suppose it was.

Question 29.—It was all liable to be drawn upon by check? Answer.—Yes, Sir.

It is also proved that they paid interest on their deposits, and that their borrowed money was borrowed on call or from day to day, and that they had the privilege of returning the amount at any time and without notice. He explained the manner in which stocks were bought and sold, and the meaning of the term "margins" as used among brokers.

It was admitted that CLARK, DODGE & Co. were doing business as bankers, but in argument it was claimed that they were mainly doing business as brokers, and engaged in purchasing and selling stocks. There was no evidence showing the extent of their business as bankers or brokers, except as I have above stated, although the learned counsel who have argued the case on the appeal were present when the testimony was taken.

The Assessor assessed them on their capital, and included as capital the $1,500,000 borrowed and used in their business. He also assessed them upon $202,000 as deposits. Did the law authorize this assessment? Counsel for appellants say that it did not. A proper answer will depend upon the construction of the following section (being section 79 of the Act of the 30th of June 30, 1864, as amended July 13, 1866, is in these words: "Section 79. And be it further enacted, that a special tax be and hereby is imposed as follows, that is to say,

1. Banks chartered or organized under a general law with a capital not exceeding $50,000, and bankers using or employing a capital not exceeding $50,000, shall pay $100; when exceeding $50,000, for every additional $1,000 in excess of $50,000, $10.

Every incorporated or other bank, and every person, firm or company having a place of business where credits are opened by the deposit or collection of money or currency subject to be paid or remitted upon draft, check or order, or where money is advanced or loaned on stocks, bonds, bullion, bills of exchange or promissory notes, or where stocks, bonds, bullion, bills of exchange or promissory notes are received for discount or for sale, shall be regarded as a bank or as a banker.

Provided, That any savings bank having no capital stock, or whose business is confined to receiving deposits and loaning or investing the same for the benefit of its depositors, and which does no other business of banking, shall not be subject to this tax.

9. Brokers shall pay $50. Every person, firm or company, whose business it is to negotiate purchases or sales of gold, bonds, exchange, bullion, coined money, bank notes, promissory notes or other securities, for themselves or others, shall be regarded as a broker: *Provided*, That any person having paid the special tax as a banker shall not be required to pay the special tax as a broker.

SEC. 110. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be levied, collected, and paid a tax of one twenty-fourth of one per cent. each month upon the average amount of the deposits of money, subject to payment by check or draft, or represented by certificates of deposit or otherwise, which are payable on demand or at some future day, with any person, bank, association, company, or corporation engaged in the business of banking; and a tax of one twenty-fourth of one per cent. each month, as aforesaid, upon the capital of any bank, association, company, or corporation, and on the capital employed by any person in the business of banking beyond the average amount invested in United States bonds; and a tax of one-twelfth of one per cent. each month upon the average amount of circulation issued by any bank, association, corporation, company, or person.

By section 79 a banker is a person who has a place (1) where credits are opened by the deposit or collection of money or currency subject to be paid or remitted upon draft, check or order, (2) where money is advanced or loaned on stocks, bonds, bullion, bills of exchange or promissory notes, or (3) where stocks, bonds, bullion, bills of exchange or promissory notes are received for discount or sale.

This is a general law intended to operate uniformly throughout all the States, and whatever description or definition of a banker it gives must prevail, though it should be in contravention of the laws of any or of all the States. When the term banker is used in the 110th section it, in my opinion, means such a person as is made a banker by the provisions of section 79, or by either of the three subdivisions of that section. CLARK, DODGE & Co. had a place of business where credits were opened by the deposit or collection of money or currency, subject to be paid or remitted upon draft, check or order, and they made them bankers and liable to the tax provided for in section 110. I cannot agree with counsel for appellants in the construction they give to this section. They claim that the term "banker," as there used, should be applied only to such institutions and persons as issue certificates of deposit or circulation or notes or obligations calculated or intended to circulate or be used as money.

The point seems to me to be settled by the case, Bank for Savings *vs.* the Collector, &c., (3 Wallace, 494) in this case the bank had no capital stock, no shareholders, was prohibited from issuing notes, making discounts, lending money upon notes, bills of exchange, drafts or any other personal securities, or transacting any business ordinarily transacted by banks. It was, however, permitted to receive money on deposit and invest it in State and United States securities and to pay out the deposits at such times and with such interest and under such regulations as the trustee should from time to time prescribe.

The Supreme Court held that this bank was "engaged in the business of banking," and liable to the tax as a banker, specified in the 110th section.

And Judge CLIFFORD, in delivering the opinion of the Court, rests his opinion upon the ground that the bank did receive deposits, and, therefore, came within the terms of the first clause of section 79.

I conclude, therefore, that CLARK, DODGE & Co. were bankers, and, as such, liable to taxation under said section 110, and proceed to inquire how much and on what they should be taxed.

That section provides that the tax shall be one-twenty-fourth of one per centum per month upon the capital employed by any person in the business of banking, and the like rate upon the average amount of deposits of money subject to payment by check or draft, or represented by certificates of deposit or otherwise, whether payable on demand or at some future day."

What, then, is capital, and which are deposits? Counsel for appellants say that the term capital does not include money that is borrowed and used in the business, and that the term "deposits" does not include money subject to check or draft for which interest is paid.

In the first place, as to the term "capital." Ordinarily this word means the entire stock employed in one's business. This is not denied by counsel for appellants, but they claim that it has a different signification in this statute—that it signifies what a man *owns* and uses in his business, what the individual members of a firm contributed of their own money—a permanent ownership of that which constitutes the financial strength of the organization.

I cannot concur in this construction. It seems to me that the term includes all the money employed and used in the business, no matter from what source it is derived. It is immaterial whether it is borrowed or is the separate or joint property of the firm. The object is also to tax all the sources from which profits arise. It is the use that is made of the money, the privilege of using it that is taxed, rather than the money itself. Thus private bankers are taxed upon capital and deposits. These are their only sources of profit. Banks are taxed upon capital, deposits and circulation, where they have circulation. These are their sources of profit. In this connection the claimed by appellant's counsel be the true one, these deposits ought not to be taxed, because the bank or banker owes for them, and circulation ought not to be taxed because the bank owes for it.

In considering this question I do not see how the period for which the loan is made can be important, whether for a long or a short. That is a matter that addresses itself to the convenience of the banker. In some localities it would be inconvenient to procure, and dangerous to rely upon short loans as the means of furnishing banking capital. In other, and especially in large cities, loans from day to day on collaterals are readily obtained, and furnish a certain and safe capital to do business upon.

In either case the principal is the same. If a long loan should be taxed, a short one should be also.

In the second place, in regard to deposits. It is immaterial whether interest is paid for them or not. We all know that many banks, and probably a majority of private bankers, pay interest on deposits. The money is subject to payment by check or draft; just as much when interest is paid as when it is not. If the question of tax is made to depend upon the payment of interest, it will be in the power of every banker to avoid its payment on deposits, by allowing some trifling rate of interest on them.

A construction that would lead to such consequence should not obtain, unless the law is so clear as to compel its adoption. The argument of counsel for appellant is, that if interest is paid it becomes "precisely like that of a savings bank," which is excepted by the proviso to the seventy-ninth section, is amount for a savings bank, is not excepted because it pays interest, but because it is regarded as a provident institution, and loans its deposits for the benefit of its depositors. I think the case of Bank for Savings *vs.* The Collector, &c., 3 Wallace, 495, before cited, settles this question also. In that case the bank paid interest to its depositors, giving to those who deposits were less than $500 a greater rate of interest than to those whose deposits were greater. The Court held that the moneys received from depositors became deposits within the meaning of the act as soon as received, and as such were immediately subject to taxation.

The proviso now found in section 79 had been enacted, but was repealed at the time the tax was assessed in that case.

Judge CLIFFORD said "those banks as banks of deposit did fall directly within the words of the first clause of the section, (79,) and therefore it became necessary to insert the proviso near the close of the section, to exclude them from the otherwise plain meaning and operation of the clause."

The conclusion, therefore, to which I have arrived is, that CLARK, DODGE & Co. were properly assessed upon their borrowed money used in their business and upon their deposits.

I express no opinion upon the propriety of remitting the fine or penalty as requested by appellants. That is matter of discretion rather than of law, and I leave it with the Commissioner, where it properly belongs.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

WALTER H. SMITH,
Solicitor of Internal Revenue.

Hon. C. DELANO, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

THE INDIANS.

General Custer's Recent Campaign—His Rescue of Captive Women.

Correspondence of the St. Louis Republican.

HEADQ'RS DISTRICT OF INDIAN TERRITORY, CAMP WITCHITA, ON MEDICINE BLUFF CREEK, April 6, 1869.

In order to more fully show you how CUSTER was "corralled," I copy by permission some extracts from a letter written by an intelligent non-commissioned officer of his command to a friend here, dated at Camp Supply, March 29:

The writer says: "After leaving Medicine Bluffs two days, the command was divided, the General commanding taking the larger portion of the mounted men with him, and ordering Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel MEYERS to proceed direct to the Washita River and encamp at the point where we buried our dead after the fight, and await orders. The General started directly southwest, marching with his usual vigor and perseverance, determined to find Indians if they were in the country. We had marched but one day when we struck the trail of a single lodge, which we followed through a country almost impassable, and utterly destitute of wood or pure water, for several days. We at last came upon them on a small creek, a tributary of the Middle Fork of Red River, and though the party escaped, we captured all their ponies and materials pertaining to a camp. We were now on the edge of a desert, with no wood or water west of us for two days' journey, and we all anticipated starting for Camp Supply at once, by going around the northern edge of the desert. But no! We still marched southwest, until we came in sight of Red River, when we struck an old trail running north by a circuitous route. CUSTER stated to the officers of the Osage Indian scouts, and they decided the trail was 'very old, two months' old at least.' But the General chose to use his own judgment in the matter, and we marched on the trail about a week, when we came upon the Cheyenne village of two hundred and sixty lodges. At this time we were nearly all dismounted, one-fourth of our wagons had been burned, and we were subsisting entirely on mule meat. As we approached their village the warriors came out some four miles to meet us, and General CUSTER, with his orderly, BONNER, and one enlisted man, were the only mounted men able to go forward. The Cheyennes received us with great acclamation, and said 'they were ready and anxious to come in with us to Camp Supply.' The command, which was at this time from two to ten miles in our rear, came up and camped near the village. The General immediately seized three of their chiefs and confined them, knowing that we were, in our exhausted condition, utterly unable to follow, should the savages choose to leave during the night. Not a horse in the command was able to go faster than a funeral march, and the dismounted men were tired, hungry and footsore. During the night the village moved about six miles, not caring to trust themselves in such close proximity to the 'Creeping Panther,' as they call General CUSTER. In the morning negotiations commenced for the surrender of the two white women, captives since the depredations on the Republican and the Saline last summer. The Indians did not want to give them up, wanted to surrender as an 'independent nation,' &c. But they were told in a few words to 'bring in the women and follow me to Camp Supply,' or it will hang these chiefs at sunset,' and go for you with 'walk-a-heaps,' (as the Indians denominate dismounted men.) They submitted gracefully, and the captives were given up. The entire command dismounted, half starved and exhausted by long forced marches, then started for this point, arriving yesterday, the 28th inst."

General Sherman in Richmond.

From the Richmond (Va.) State Journal, April 30.

A number of prominent gentlemen, without regard to politics, called upon General SHERMAN at his rooms in the Spotswood Hotel yesterday afternoon, were introduced, and cordially received by the distinguished chief of the army. The General looks remarkably well, is quite accessible, frank and pleasant in his manners, and conversed with great freedom upon all topics that were brought up. He paid General CANBY a high compliment—said he was an older soldier than himself, having entered the army in 1839, that he possessed good administrative abilities, a well-balanced mind, the highest order of intelligence—and he thought he would please us very much. "He is just the man for you, and I think you will like him," said TECUMSEH, "and he is all right." He left last evening for Washington on the 8:13 train. The General expressed his gratification at the many evidences he had seen in and about the city and along his line of travel of the revival of our material interests. When he passed through Richmond in May, 1865, on his homeward march, Main-street presented a dismal scene of blackened ruins, and the change that had taken place was as astonishing as it was gratifying. We believe that the South has few warmer friends than General SHERMAN, the Commander-in-Chief of the army.

The Death of Judge Johnson, of Indiana.

From the Indianapolis Journal, April 30.

The sudden death of Judge NIMROD H. JOHNSON, of Centreville, Wayne County, was the theme of conversation in the city yesterday, and cast quite a gloom over the community. He was, by no means, a stranger here, even before he consented to act as Judge in the trial of ABRAMS for murder; while his appearance upon the bench upon two or three occasions recently, in disposing of sundry preliminary motions in the case, has served to make him better known. He left here on Tuesday evening, in the enjoyment of usual health, for home. Early yesterday morning he came to Cambridge City on a visit to his father, who is an old but prominent physician of that place. His mother, who is sick, had in her room a bottle containing aconite and one containing tincture of gentian, and, through mistake, the Judge took a swallow of aconite for gentian, which produced death in less than thirty minutes. In spite of every effort that could be used to counteract the poison.

The deceased was Judge of the Wayne Criminal Court, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

His death leaves the trial of ABRAMS for murder in a peculiar situation, and the question as to its exact status may be something of a puzzle to the lawyers. ABRAMS having filed an affidavit against the regular Judge of our Criminal Court, Judge CHAPMAN sitting in the case, the services of Judge JOHNSON were secured. The jurisdiction of Judge CHAPMAN over the case ceased with the adjournment of the Court, and the jurisdiction of Judge JOHNSON over the case again, and it is not easy to see how it can be exercised. What is to be done? Will it have to be commenced anew, and may another motion be made for a change of venue? Of course, there is a proper way to dispose of these questions, but the situation is a very peculiar one, and will give the lawyers an opportunity to look up some authorities, and do some thinking on the subject.

Death of Hon. Arnold Plumer, of Pennsylvania.

From the Titusville (Penn.) Herald, April 29.

Hon. ARNOLD PLUMER, of Franklin, Penn., died yesterday afternoon. Mr. PLUMER had failed rapidly during the last fortnight, and his death was not unexpected. He was one of the oldest residents, and we believe a native of Venango County. He was a Democrat in politics, and since the days of JACKSON had acted a prominent and influential part in the councils of his party. He was State Treasurer under the administration of Governor SHUNK, and was a Representative in Congress from 1837 to 1839, and again from 1841 to 1843. Subsequently he was appointed United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Upon the accession of BUCHANAN to the Presidency, Mr. PLUMER was tendered the position of Postmaster-General, which he, however, declined. As a man of business, he had from small beginnings amassed over $1,500,000, and was reputed to be the wealthiest citizen of Venango County. For several years his years of age. Very residents of this section were more widely known or more generally respected. We believe he leaves a family of six children.

The Song of the Frog in Boston.

From the Boston Post, May 1.

Out-of-towners note the drowsy drool of the frog in the marshes and streams now, and, though some of them are really unconscious of it, revel in the soothing monotony of such lowly music. It is nothing but a frog. But, then, how vividly that low-keyed sound, vibrating like a moist murmur on the still Spring air at morning and at evening, wakens as with a thrill the old associations. Whatever sound is able to do that, has native magic in its compass. Room for the frog that swells his bag-pipe in the wet meadows, then. Let him divide the air with the caroling robin in the apple-tree, each the extreme of that musical scale within which are included all the pleasant summer melodies. Spring throws her green vest over her shoulders while the young hermit of the mud is thus piping his dreamy strains. He heralds the change of garments, pitching his note low and soft, and perhaps on a key that unlocks the treasures of a rugged melancholy. Nature is wise above us all in her choosings. When she is making ready to break out in her very gayest garniture of leaf and flower, she takes care not to anticipate the surprise for the world of men, but lets the senses slide unconsciously along to the very edge, with the help of just such narcotising melodies as none but the bedabbled frog can pour out, from morning to night, and through the night till morning again, at the edge of the water.

Fred. Douglass and the Haytian Mission.

To the Editor of the Rochester Union:

My feelings are of little importance to the public, yet if they are made the subject of public remark, you will agree with me that they ought to be correctly described. You will therefore please allow me to say in your columns, that I do not feel slighted by the present Administration at Washington. I have neither sought, desired nor expected the Haytian mission. No aspirations for the office in question have been disappointed. The thing of which I have complained was a telegram, repeated in various forms, from Washington, stating that FREDERICK DOUGLASS had written to his friends at Washington that he would not accept the Haytian mission—that he could not afford it—that he had made up his mind never to leave the country, &c.

1. I objected to this because it placed me in a false and ridiculous position. I am not so weak and foolish as to decline publicly an office which had never been tendered me.

2. I objected to it because it placed me before the country as measuring my duties strongly by one criterion of "dollars and cents," and gives an exaggerated impression of the pecuniary value of my present vocation.

3. I objected to it because it represented me as being so absurdly patriotic that I would not leave the country for any purpose, however important, and because it was calculated to remove me from the list of colored men who would accept office tendered by President GRANT. I am a modest man, but am perfectly competent to decline or accept office, if tendered, without the assistance of officious friends, who have presumed to act for me in this instance.

Respectfully yours, FRED'K DOUGLASS.

ROCHESTER, April 29, 1869.

Bicentennial of the Old South Church in Boston.

From the Boston Traveller, April 30.

The Old South Church of this city propose to celebrate its 200th anniversary on the 22d and 28th of May next. The church was organized by a secession from the First Church of "a considerable part of the church, both for number and estate," on account of dissatisfaction with the action of the mother church, in calling from his devoted people the venerable JOHN DAVENPORT, of New-Haven, Conn. The organization took place on the 19th and 16th of May, 1669, old style, answering to the 22d and 26th, 1869, new style.

Discourses appropriate to the occasion will be delivered by the pastors on the 23d and 30th of May, and a social gathering of past and present members will be held at Horticultural Hall on the evening of the 25th. Also, a meeting for prayer and thanksgiving at the chapel, on Friday evening, May 28.

A Companion of Washington Yet Alive.

Captain JOHN WEBSTER, who has reached the advanced age of 104 years, was born in Dublin in 1765, and came to this country in 1798. Soon after his arrival he was apprenticed in Georgetown to the firm of NOBLE & CRABTREE, shipowners and chandlers. After serving his time he became captain of a vessel, and followed the sea for seventy-five years. He was a schoolmate of both JOHN and CHARLES WESLEY, and their friend for years; is a strict follower of WESLEY still, and speaks of him with the greatest affection. Having some business with the family he is visiting, I called to see him, and in answer to my ring he came to the door himself. This being the first time I had seen him, imagine my surprise when he replied, to my question of "How old are you?" "One hundred and four years." He must have noticed the strange look my face bore, for, smiling, he said, "I have my pocket in black and white." It seemed to me as if some grave had given up its dead, and for some minutes I could do no more than stare the old man in the face and mutter, Can it be! Said he: "I knew DANIEL WEBSTER well; was very intimate with him; have walked arm-in-arm with him many a time; have conversed with WASHINGTON time and again. My wife died five years ago, aged ninety-eight years. My eldest son is over seventy-four years old, and I have one daughter living in this city over thirty." The old gentleman is in excellent spirits, and does not seem to tire of conversation. He has his second sight, and can read writing if finely written, as well as the papers, without the aid of spectacles. His home is at the Sailors' Snug Harbor, from which place he comes unattended to visit his friends in the city. To have seen this old man and talk with him, seems to give one a new lease of life—to fill one with noble purposes, so that one's end may be like this noble follower of the Master to whose praise he gives all the moments of his latest years. To those who would like to see this old landmark that will soon have passed away, he extends a cordial invitation to visit him at the Sailors' Snug Harbor, Staten Island.—*Sailors' Magazine.*

Crop Prospects in California.

From the Sacramento Union, April 19.

The rains which have fallen during the three days just past were greatly needed by the late grain crops, and came in good time to save them from failure. The early planting may now be considered safe from all possible harm. A few warm days will start it to heading, and with anything like an average May, it will mature to a full crop. The late planting was in danger of blight from the dry north winds that prevailed for so many days in the latter part of March and the first half of April. This danger is now over, and we can safely say there never was, at the corresponding season of the year, as good a prospect for an immense grain harvest as is now presented in California. Average May showers, with westerly winds, will perfect the backward wheat fields every where, and produce a good deal over average crops to the acre; and we have probably a fourth greater area in wheat this year than any preceding one.

Supposed Homicide.

Saturday evening last CHARLES FITZPATRICK, a native of Ireland, 42 years of age, died at his residence No. 353 Third-avenue, under circumstances that required an inquest to obtain a burial permit. Coroner KEENAN yesterday visited the house and was informed that on the 19th of April last FITZPATRICK had been thrown out of a barber shop in the vicinity, and, falling heavily on the pavement, had been severely injured. In consequence of this information, Dr. WOOSTER BEACH made a *post-mortem* examination, and found that the skull of the deceased had been fractured. In consequence of this discovery the inquest was adjourned until to-day, in order to obtain the witnesses necessary to a thorough investigation of the case.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS TO-DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part I.—Held by Sutherland, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Oyer and Terminer.

Nos.	
247—People ex rel. Mc Venny vs. Culkin.	1335—Bennett vs. Wilcomb.
1509—Nat'l Bank of America vs. Havemeyer.	1355—Scully vs. Jardine et al.
909—Lester vs. Spofford.	1370—Bonnell vs. Hubbard et al.
301—Nat'l Park Bank of New-York vs. Todd, impleaded, &c.	621—Morris vs. Treacy.
1441—Benhaza vs. Hay et al.	1179—Hecht et al. vs. Curtis et al.
1321—Langenbach vs. Fuller et al.	1291—Currie vs. Kelly, Sheriff, &c.
1245—Decker vs. Sou.	1075—Slater et al vs. Smith et al.
1235—Brumly vs. Brown et al.	1419—Hall et al. vs. Cash.
1020—Cutter vs. Lord.	1325—Goddard vs. Dodge.
1206—Crow vs. Dinsmore, Jr., &c.	1425—Ernst vs. Brockmeyer et al.

Part II.—Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
2321—People ex rel. Burnton et al. vs. Sweeny, claim't, &c.	1128—Lansdorp vs. Loudon.
1215—McDonegan vs. Kelly, Sheriff, &c.	1104—Redpath vs. Wells.
1430—Kennedy, Exr'x, vs. Huyck et al.	2707—Hirsch vs. Tousley et al.
1201—Stewart vs. Stewart.	625—Frith vs. Harmony Fire and Marine Ins. Co.
315—Volkening vs. Kleber.	1431—Doremus vs. Shaw.
414—Hallgarten et al. vs. Lane.	1220—Lansdorp vs. Reynolds, impl'd, &c.
930—Fraser et al. vs. Young et al.	1006—Seeley vs. Steele et al.
962—Ehrrich vs. Landheim.	1090—Chase Sr., vs. Carpenter.
1043—Windmuller et al. vs. Union Nat'l Bank.	611—Whittemore vs. Patterson.
1188—Bridge vs. Leland et al.	1349—Sterling vs. Thinness.

Part III.—Held by Cardozo, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
742—Heinemann et al. vs. Heard et al.	1016—Griffin vs. Hanson.
1226—Turner vs. Shepard.	826—Dixon vs. Grifter.
640—Bilman et al. vs. Mallory.	892—Walker vs. Kelly.
1325—Vollman vs. Yan et al.	1126—Kelly, Shff., &c., vs. Manhattan Ins. Co.
838—Reynolds vs. Belknap.	912—Lester vs. Haas et al.
1440—T. Is and N. J. R. R. Co., vs. Kelley, Shff.	814—Clifton Chem Works vs. White et al.
1442—Smith vs. Kelly, Shff.	1120—Clark vs. Gardiner.
2742—Shepard vs. Justice et al.	1316—Williams vs. Ely.
668—Haley vs. Black.	1226—Singer Mfg. Co. vs. Hemple et al.
	668—Bokhof, Adm'r., vs. Bookmayer.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Ingraham J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Terms of Law and Fact.

Nos.	Nos.
2305—Eddy vs. Hobbs.	238—Klingenstein vs. Lax.
267—Wightman, &c., vs. Thomas et al.	227—Staten Island R. R. Co. vs. Vill. Edgewater.
200—Hudson vs. Bernard et al.	206—Wiltzerstein vs. Maguire et al.
499—Mayus vs. Lippman.	273—Butcher vs. Aster.
791—Koenig vs. Steger.	205—Fielder vs. Young.

Demurrers.

Nos.	Nos.
7—Tinson vs. Shaw.	12—Wright et al. vs. Harrison et al.
8—Bourdon vs. Pinkerton.	72—Douglass vs. Bigelow.
9—Berrian vs. Sanford.	14—Dorey vs. Bohen.
16—Walter et al. vs. Walter et al.	16—Mackintire vs. Mackintire.

hibits the following relative strength of the movement, in the point of lawful Money Security, to the previous statement. The Banks owed:

	Apr. 24, '69.	May 1 '69.	May 2, '68.
On deposits	$177,340,080	$183,948,565	$191,206,135
Circulation	34,060,581	33,372,058	34,114,843
Total	$211,400,661	$217,920,623	$225,320,978
25 ₱ cent. would be	$52,850,165	$54,480,156	$56,330,244
They held: In Gold and Green-backs	62,528,258	65,783,357	74,030,472
Excess	$9,678,093	$11,283,201	$16,700,228

There has been rather more animation in Money, chiefly in the late afternoon, when the prevailing rate on call was 7 ₱ cent. The bank return showed a further important gain of strength, as the result of the week's business, including an increase of $6,608,485 in the deposits, $2,817,824 in the legal tender reserve, and $417,257 in the specie item. The loans have been augmented $2,977,086. The circulation has been reduced $88,523.

Gold ranged from 134⅛ to 135 on a more spirited speculation, leaving off steadily at 134¾@134⅞. The French steamer took out $73,405 in specie, making the total exports for the week $669,289. The *Alaska* arrived Saturday with a California treasure freight of $690,948. Government disbursed through the Sub-Treasury to-day $3,230,768 of coin interest, making a total for the week of $4,722,610. The coin income of the Government from Customs at this port during the week has been $2,241,519.

The month opens on a generally strong and buoyant market for the Public Funds, which are favored by the very light offerings, the growing supply of money at the business centres, and the encouraging gain of the revenues on the expenses of the Government, enabling the Treasury Department to make a further reduction of nearly thirteen and a half millions, in the aggregate of the Public Debt, since April 1, according to the telegraphic advices from Washington. The latest dealings were at the highest figures of the day. The 1862 Five-twenties closed at 118⅜ bid, xe the 3 ₱ cent. May gold coupon, which is equal to fully 122⅜ coupon included. The 1867s were in request at 116¾, and the Ten-forties at 108⅜.

The day's business at the office of the United States Assistant Treasurer was as follows: Total receipts, $1,869,332 48; total payments, $3,638,718 82; balance, $81,385,589 15. The receipts include, for Customs, $594,000; for Gold Notes, $650,000.

There were less extensive dealings in the Railway and Miscellaneous Share line; yet, with exceptionally severe depression in Erie, the changes in values were not remarkably important. Pacific Mail was weak. Reading was adversely affected by rumors of a strike in the Scranton Coal region. Ohio Certificates yielded a little. Most other values were strong and buoyant. The later transactions indicated a firmer tone in the general market, aided by the favorable bank exhibit.

After the late Boards Broke up, the following quotations were made as compared with Friday night:

	Friday.	Saturday.
United States 10-40s	108⅛	108⅛
United States 5-20s of 1862	121⅝	*118⅝
United States 5-20s of 1867	116¾	116¾
American Gold Coin	134½	134⅞
Bills on London, 60 days	109½	109½
New Bonds of Tennessee	67⅝	67¾
Virginia Bonds, old	58¾	58½
Missouri Bonds, old	83¾	83¼
North Carolina Bonds, new	55	54¾
New-York Central	177⅝	177⅝
Reading Railway	96⅜	96¾
Chicago and Rock Island	137⅜	137½
Northwest Common	87	87¾
Northwest Preferred	98⅝	98¾
Michigan Southern	103¾	104
Pittsburg and Fort Wayne	140¼	140
Cleveland and Pittsburg	93⅛	92⅝
Pacific Mail Company	93⅛	92⅝
St. Paul Preferred	87¼	87⅜
St. Paul Common	78⅝	78½
Toledo and Wabash	73¼	73
Ohio and Mississippi	33½	33⅛
Mariposa Preferred	43⅝	43⅝
Lake Shore	103	103¼
Hudson River	157¼	157½
Louisiana Levee 6s	*69½	72⅝

*Ex coupons.

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States at the close of business:

6 ₱ cent. reg., 1881	118⅛	5-20 reg., 1867	116
6 ₱ cent. coup., 1881	118⅛	5-20 coup., 1867	116⅜
5-20 reg., 1862	113	5-20 coup., 1868	116⅜
5-20 coup., 1862	113⅜	5 ₱ cent. reg., 1871	125⅛
5-20 reg., 1864	113⅛	5 ₱ cent. coup., 1871	125⅛
5-20 coup., 1864	113⅜	5 ₱ cent., reg., 1874	115
5-20 reg., 1865	113⅜	10-40 reg	107⅜
5-20 coup., 1865	115⅛	10-40 coup	108⅛
5-20 coup., '65 n. 1	116⅜	6s Currency	106⅛

And the following for the State Bonds:

Ill. 6 ₱ c. c. '79, aft '70	100⅛	Louisiana 6s, levee bds.	69⅛
Ill. 6 ₱ c. coupons, '77	100⅛	Louisiana 8s, levee bds.	90
Ill. 6 ₱ c. coupons, '79	100⅛	California 7s	125⅛
Ill. War Loan	100⅜	Connecticut 6s	100⅛
Indiana 5 ₱ c	97⅛	Rhode Island 6s	99
Michigan 6 ₱ ct., '73	100	Alabama 8s	102⅛
Michigan 6 ₱ ct., '78	98	N. Y. Reg. B'ty Loan	110
Michigan 7 ₱ c. W. L. 8s	98	N.Y. Coupon B. Loan	110
Tenn. 6s, ex cou	68⅜	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '70	100
Tenn. 6s, new bds	67	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '72	101⅛
Virginia 6s, ex cou	58⅛	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '73	101⅛
Virginia 6s, new bds	62⅛	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '74	101⅛
Georgia 6s	82	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '75	101⅛
Georgia 7s, new bds	95⅛	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '77	101⅛
North Carolina 6s	60⅛	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '78	102
North Carolina 6s, n. bds	54⅜	N. Y. 5 ₱ c. Canal, '71	100
Missouri 6s	88⅜	N. Y. 5 ₱ c. Canal, '74	100
Mo., H. & St. Jo. 1s	89⅛	N. Y. 5 ₱ c. Canal, '75	100
Louisiana 6s	74	N. Y. 5 ₱ c. Canal, '76	97

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	130	American Exchange	111½
Manhattan	140	Chatham	150
Mechanics'	133	Bank of the Republic	118
America	148	Hanover	110
Phenix	107	Nassau	105
North River	105	Commonwealth	114
Butchers & Drovers	135	Imp. and Traders'	133
National	110½	Park	159½
Merchants' Ex	116	Central National	110½
Seventh National	120	First National	220
State of New-York	112	Fourth National	104
Commerce	126		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	92	Cleve. & Tol. S. Fund	99
N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1887	92½	N. J. Cen. 1st M	100
H. R. 7s, 1st M.	100	New-Jersey Cen. 2d M	100
H. R. 7s, 1st M. S. F.	103⅛	Ft. W. & C. 1st M	101½
H. R. 7s, 3d M., 1875	x96⅜	Ft. W. & C. 3d M	91
Harlem 1st M	100 x	Cleve. & P. 2d M	95
Mich. C. & P. ct. '63-'72	115	Cleve. & P. 4th M	75
Mich. C. n. 1st M. '82	116	Chi. & Alton S. F.	97 x
M. S. & N. I. S. f'd 7 p. c.	95	Chi. & Alton 1st M	101
Ill. Cen. 7 ₱ c., 1870	119	Chi. & Alton inc	90
Alton & T. H. 1st M	92	Ohio & Miss. Con	86
Alton & T. H. 2d M. pf.	95	Ind. & Sioux C. 1st M	60
Chi. & N. W. Int. bds.	91⅜	Mil. & St. P. 1st M. 8s	103
Tol. & W. 1st. M. ext.	91⅜	Mil. & St. P. 1st 7-10	92
Tol. & W. Sinq. bds	91	Mil. & St. Paul 1st M.	91¼
Tol., W. & W. c. c. & S'k. F.	81⅛	Mil. & St. Paul 2d M	82
Gt. West'n 1st M. '68	101	Mil. & St. P. I. & M. d.	88
Gt. West'n 2d M., '93	77⅛	Chi. & Mil. 1st M	89
Chi. & R. I. 1st M	90⅛	C. & Gt. East'n 1st M.	85⅛
Chi. R. I. & P.	95⅛	Col. Chi. & Ind. 1st M	86

The imports, (other than dry goods and specie,) at the Port of New-York from foreign ports for the week ending April 30, 1869, were $7,823,485.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, May 1, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The *Commercial* of this evening quotes the rate for carrying United States Bonds in London as 6½ ₱ cent.; the Stock Exchange rate for carrying, at the last settlement, (end of April,) was 5 ₱ cent., and for the middle of April account, 4 ₱ cent.

He also speaks of a probable advance in the Bank of England rate, when bills are now discounting in the open market at 3@3⅛ ₱ cent.—½ to 1 ₱ cent. under the bank rate!

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GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, May 1, 1869.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, bbls	51	Tar, bbls	2,047
Cotton, bales	588	Spts Turp'tine, bbls	116
Eggs, bbls	2,338	Petroleum, ref., bbls	1,533
Flour, bbls	7,569	Pork, bbls	.....
Flour, bags	.....	Cut Meats, pkgs	157
Cornmeal, bbls	.....	Lard, pkgs	200
Cornmeal, bags	1,500	Beef, pkgs	.....
Wheat, bushels	.....	Butter, pkgs	1,903
Corn, bushels	7,301	Cheese, pkgs	1,235
Rye, bushels	.....	Lard Oil, pkgs	.....
Malt, bushels	1,700	Tallow, pkgs	4
Barley, bushels	.....	Grease, pkgs	.....
Oats, bushels	8,594	Stearine, pkgs	.....
Peas, bushels	300	Starch, boxes	1,960
Beans, bushels	450	Tobacco, hhds	400
Dried Fruit, pkgs	4	Tobacco, bxs. and cs	95
Hides, No	200	Whisky, bbls	949
Hemp, bales	11	Wool, bales	49
Hops, bales	134	Oil Cake, pkgs	.....
Leather, sides	12,628	Peanuts, bags	54
Resin, bbls	851	Beeswax, pkgs	3

The export clearances since our last, as reported at the Merchants' Exchange, Pine-street, have been as follows:

By the ship *Antarctic*, for Liverpool—211 boxes Clocks, 12 packages Clocks, 200 bundles Hay-rakes, 155 packages Clothes-pins, 304 boxes Clothes-pins, 300 bbls. Oxide Zinc, 1,382 bales Cotton, 309 hhds. Syrup, 49 tierces Syrup, 100 bbls. Spirits Turpentine, 2,036 bbls. Tar, 19 casks Sperm Oil, 12 M Staves.

By the brig *Foncetta Ecurlo*, for Odessa—3,219 bbls. Resin, 31 bbls. Tar.

By the steamer *Louisiana* for Liverpool—1,202 bales Cotton, 412 bbls. Rosin, 200 bbls. fish Roes, 350 tcs. Beef, 35 tcs. Lard, 225 hhds. tallow, 724 boxes Bacon, 70 bbls. Pork, 10 tcs. Pork, 70 bbls. Heads, 36 hhds. Tobacco, 60 bales Hogs' Hair.

By the steamship *Fevière* for Havre—1 case silk Ribbons, 27 cases Dress goods, samples, &c., 32 cases Sewing Machines, 400 bags Coffee, 244 bales Cotton, 1,000 bags Cocoa, 19 cases Extracts, 13 cases Whalebone.

By the steamer *City of Paris*, for Liverpool—660 bales cotton, 502 boxes bacon and hams, 2,718 boxes cheese, 68 bales furs, 280 bbls. pork, 45 hhds. tallow, 9 casks beeswax, 41 cases sewing machines, 31 cases patent medicines, 85 cases lard, 10 cases rakes, 8 cases cotton-gins and presses.

By the brig *Rockets*, for Yokohama—63 cases carbines, 2 cases percussion caps, 9184 cases cartridges, 1 billiard table.

By the steamer *Iowa*, for Glasgow—1,079 bbls. Tar, 33 hhds. Tobacco, 3 bales Hair, 8 casks Whalefoots, 46 cases Machines, 130 tierces Lard, 200 tierces beef, 7,200 bushels Wheat, 24,628 bushels Corn, 500 bbls. Flour, 85 boxes Bacon, 266 bbls. Resins, 58 bbls. Shoe Pegs, 48 hhds. Bark, 38 bbls. Oxide Zinc.

By the bark *John*, for Gibraltar—134 hhds. Tobacco, 35 Logs Mahogany. 206 bbls. Resin, 4,000 Staves, 36 packages Furniture, 289 boxes Manufactured Tobacco, 100 boxes Snuff, 10 bbls. Crackers, 25 boxes Crackers.

By the bark *Wentworth*, for Antwerp—3,359 bbls. Refined Petroleum, 1,200 bbls. Spirits Turpentine.

By the steamship *City of Sydney*, for London—3,000 bbls. Oil Cake, 4,143 bags Oil Cake, 1,000 Oars, 1,000 bales Hops, 79 packages Wine, 40,500 lbs. Bones, 1,723 bbls. Resin, 40,500 lbs. Rattan.

ASHES—Continue inactive at $7 75@8 for Pots, and $8 12½@8 25 for Pearls, ₱ 100 lbs. Stock, 1,158 bbls.

COFFEE—The market has been very quiet, but quoted firm for all kinds, including Java, 23½c. @25c.; Maracaibo, 15½c. @18½c.; Laguayra, 16½c. @18c.; Rio, 19½c. @19¾c. in bond; Native Ceylon, 17c. @19½c.; Jamaica, 14½c. @16c.; St. Domingo, 15¾c. @16c.; Singapore, 18c. @20c.; Mocha, (in bonds) 26c. @28c.; Costa Rica, 16c. @19c.; Manilla, 16c. @18c.; Mexican, 16c. @18½c.; Cumana, 15c. @17c.; Augustus, 16c. @18c.; Savanilla, 15½c. @18c., gold. ₱ lb. Stock, 108,753 bags and 41,808 mats.

COTTON—Has been quoted a trifle firmer, on a light trade. Sales, 1,383 bales, including 712 bales to shippers, 368 bales to spinners, 103 bales to speculators, and 74 bales in transit. Messrs. CORNWALL & ZEREGA notice the week's business in their Circular of this morning, thus: "Our market for the week has been quiet and heavy on Low Grades of Cotton, while for Low Middlings, and above, the demand has been good, and prices firm. Of the Low Grades there is a full supply offering on the market, while Good Ordinaries are very scarce. The total sales for the week have been 13,436 bales, including 5,101 bales to Spinners, 1,516 bales to speculators, 3,435 bales to exporters, and 1,384 bales in transit. Sales of average Low Middlings are reported as follows: For April, 100 bales at 27¼c.; for June, 300 bales on private terms; for December, 100 bales at 22c.; for January, 100 bales at 22c. The closing quote from port for the week have been, to Liverpool, 7,679 bales; to Glasgow, 30 bales; to Bremen, 1,452 bales; to Hamburg, 154 bales. Total, 9,315 bales. The exports from all ports for the week have been, to Liverpool, 25,697 bales; to the Continent, 6,165 bales. Total, 31,862 bales." The receipts to-day were only 588 bales; export clearances, 3,438 bales.

Closing Prices of Cotton to-day:

	Uplands.	Mobile.	N. O.	Texas.
Ordinary, ₱ lb	.....	25¾	25¾	25¾
Good Ordinary	26¾	26¾	26¾	27
Low Middling	27¾	28	28¾	28½
Middling	28¾	29	29¾	29¼

Movements of Cotton at this Port. Bales.

Receipts this week	6,619
Receipts last week	5,813
Receipts preceding week	6,099
Receipts since Jan. 1	265,680
Receipts since Sept. 1, 1868	568,114
Receipts year ending Jan. 1, 1869	857,632
Receipts year ending Sept. 1, 1868	622,310
Exports since Jan. 1	124,742
Exports since Sept. 1, 1868	306,238
Exports year ending Jan. 1, 1869	338,559
Exports year ending Sept. 1, 1868	375,852
Estimated stock on hand here	99,000

Movements in Cotton at all the Shipping Ports.

Receipts from Sept. 1, 1868, to latest mail dates	2,029,000
Receipts same time last year	2,057,000
Receipts at all the ports year ending Sept. 1, 1868	2,240,282
Receipts at all the shipping ports of the United States, from the close of the war, May 1, 1865, to Sept. 1, 1867	4,522,988
Exports from all the ports from Sept. 1, 1868, to latest dates	1,176,000
Exports same time last year	1,475,000
Exports from all the ports year ending Sept. 1, 1868	1,657,015
Exports preceding Cotton year	1,558,787
Estimated stock in the shipping ports, latest mail dates	307,000
Estimated stock same time last year	234,000
Estimated stock on hand at all ports, Aug. 31, 1868, under the act of Congress of March 2	38,120
Estimated stock same time in 1867	80,298
Crop of 1867-8	2,430,893
Crop of 1866-7	1,901,986

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been inactive to-day. Low grades have been quoted rather stronger on a light offering. Other kinds dull and heavy. Sales have been reported from our list of 6,100 bbls., including very inferior to choice Superfine State and Western at $5 40@5 90; very inferior to fair ordinary Extra State at $5 90@6 45; fair ordinary to choice genuine Spring Wheat Extra State at $6 45@7, and poor to good shipping brands of round-hoop Extra Ohio at $6 2@6 50 ₱ bbl. We quote:

Superfine State and Western	$5 40@5 90
Extra State	5 90@ 7 00
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c	5 90@ 9 75
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, shipping brands	6 00@ 6 50
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	6 50@ 9 75
Extra Genesee	7 00@ 9 75
Common to Fancy to Extra Missouri	7 15@12 50

Southern Flour is quiet at previous prices; sales have been reported since our last of 325 bbls., at $6 30@$6 90 for very poor to fair ordinary, and $6 90@$12 for fair ordinary to very superior Extra, ₱ bbl. California Flour is inactive at $6 75@$10 for Extra, ₱ 196 lbs.; sales, 300 bbls. and sacks. Rye Flour is in moderate request at $4 55@$6 75 for very inferior to very choice, ₱ bbl.; sales, 225 bbls. Cornmeal continues in good demand, at $4 35@$4 75 for Western, $4 35@$4 45 for Jersey, and $4 75 for Brandywine, ₱ bbl.; sales, 450 bbls.

GRAIN—Wheat has been very quiet, but rather more firmly held. Sales have been reported since our last of 25,000 bushels, including White Western on private terms; Amber Western at $1 65@$1 68; No. 1 Spring (a small lot) at $1 70, delivered; No. 2 Spring at $1 44, delivered; and White California at $1 63@$1 70 ₱ bushel. Corn has been quoted much firmer, particularly New mixed, which has been less freely offered, and has been in good request, also old Mixed, in store. Sales have been reported since our last of 67,000 bushels, at 85c. @89c., chiefly 86c. @86c. for New Mixed Western; 88c. @89c. for Old Mixed Western, in store; 90c. for do., delivered; 89c. @91c. for White and Yellow Jersey, Western and Southern, and 82c. @85c. for unsound, ₱ bushel. Rye has been inactive, but quoted steady at $1 30@$1 35 for Western, delivered, ₱ bushel. The steamship *Iowa*, for Glasgow, takes out 7,200 bushels Wheat and 24,628 bushels Corn.

HAY—Sale has been quiet to-day at from 55c. @65c. for shipping, and 90c. @$1 20 for Poor to Choice, for local use, ₱ 100 lbs. Straw is in demand at 75c. @$1 10 for Long and Short ₱ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Continue in fair request, including American at 5c. @12c. for New, and 2c. @5c. for Old, ₱ lb. We quote in detail thus: New-York State, 6c. @12c.; Eastern, 8c. @10c.; Wisconsin, 5c. @10c.; Michigan, 5c. @10c.; Western mixed grades, 2c. @5c. ₱ lb.

HIDES—The week's receipts have been 108,798 Hides; sales 63,400 Hides; the latter including, according to Messrs. DAY & CO., 22,500 Dry Buenos Ayres, 20@21½ lbs., 21c. @22c., gold, usual selection; 5,800 Dry Buenos Ayres Seconds, 20@20½ lbs., private terms; 1,000 Dry Corriova, 21½ lbs., private terms; 1,500 Dry Concordia, 22 lbs., private terms; 3,000 Dry Corrientes, 21@22½ lbs., 20c., gold, as they run; 900 Dry Corrientes, 20 lbs., private terms; 300 Dry Rio Grande, 19½ lbs., private terms; 550 Dry Rio Grande Seconds, 19½ lbs., private terms; 6,400 Dry Rio Grande Kips, part to arrive, 12 lbs., 24c., gold, usual selection; 1,300 Dry Tobasco, 20 lbs., private terms; 1,000 Dry Port-au-Platt, 16½ lbs., 16½c., gold, as they run; 450 Dry Matamoras, 25 lbs., private terms; 500 Dry Mexican, 23 lbs., private terms; 1,800 Dry Texas, 22@24 lbs., private terms; 2,300 Dry Texas, 22 lbs., 22½c., currency, as they run; 650 Dry Texas Kips, 12 lbs., private terms; 450 Wet-Salted Rio Grande, 41½ lbs., 12½c., gold, usual selection; 4,500 Wet-Salted California, 60 lbs., private erms; 1,500 Wet-Salted Para, 48 lbs., 11c., gold, usual selection; 4,000 Wet-Salted Texas, 53@70 lbs., private terms; 2,000 City Slaughtered, 69@73 lbs., 11¾c. @11¾c.; 1,500 City Slaughtered, 73 lbs., private terms. The stock on hand of Ox and Cow Hides is 128,100 Hides, (same time last year 161,200—year before, 123,900,) as follows: 43,000 Dry Buenos Ayres and Cor. cientes, 1,000 Dry Montevideo, 10,000 Dry Rio Grande, 8,000 Dry California, 1,600 Dry Rio Janeiro, 8,300 Dry African, 16,800 Dry Central American, 500 Dry Porto Rico, 1,000 Dry Vera Cruz and Sisal, 900 Dry Port-au-Platt, 12,000 Dry Mexican, 25,000 Dry Texas, 2,800 Dry-Salted Parnahiba, 1,200 Dry-Salted Maracaibo, 1,000 Wet-Salted Rio Grande Cow, 500 Wet-Salted Rio Janeiro.

HEMP—Has been held very firmly, but has been inactive. Manilla, 12¼c. @13¼c., gold, ₱ lb. Stock of all kinds, 75 tons and 18,122 bales of Foreign, and 670 bales of American.

MOLASSES—Has been quite dull but steady to-day. We quote: Old and new crop Porto Rico at 40c. @76c.; Cuba at 35c. @36c.; New-Orleans at 70c. @85c. ₱ gallon. Stock, 18,565 hhds., and 1,500 bbls. We quote in detail, thus:

	Old Crop.	New Crop.
Cuba Centrifugal and Mixed, ₱ gallon	35c. @38c.	—@—
Cuba Clayed, ₱ gallon	37c. @42c.	45c. @51c.
Cuba Muscovado, refining grades, ₱ gallon	40c. @42c.	50c. @53c.
Cuba Muscovado, grocery grades, ₱ gallon	—@—	53c. @60c.
Porto Rico, ₱ gallon	40c. @55c.	50c. @78c.
English Islands, ₱ gallon	43c. @55c.	50c. @70c.
New-Orleans, ₱ gallon	—@—	70c. @85c.

NAVAL STORES—Spirits Turpentine has shown more steadiness on a rather better inquiry. Sales have been reported of about 100 bbls., in assorted packages, at 40¼c.; job lots of merchantable at 46c. @47c., and 200 bbls. in shipping order, at 46c. ₱ gallon. The receipts since our last have been 118 bbls.; export clearances, 100 bbls. by the ship *Antarctic*, for Liverpool, and 1,200 bbls. by the bark *Wentworth*, for Antwerp. The stock in yard this morning was 3,975 bbls. Crude Turpentine has been very dull, with a stock of only 940 bbls. available in yard. The nominal quotation was $4 25 ₱ 200 lbs. Tar has been in request at steady rates, partly for export. The receipts have been 2,047 bbls.; export clearances, 3,146 bbls.; stock in yard this morning, 12,020 bbls. Resins have been much less freely offered, and have been decidedly firmer, especially the low grades, which closed quite buoyantly. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 3,700 bbls. Strained at $2 60@$2 62½, chiefly at the latter price; 1,000 bbls. No. 2, part at $2 75@$2 86; 100 bbls. No. 1 and 80 bbls. Pale on private terms, ₱ 280 lbs. The receipts have been 931 bbls.; export clearances, 5,928 bbls., according to the details given above; stock in yard, this morning, 50,942 bbls. We quote Spirits Turpentine at 46¼c. @48¼c., chiefly at 46¼c. @47c., for merchantable, ₱ gallon; Crude at $4 25; Resin at $2 55@$12, ₱ 280 lbs., the latter rate for Choice White; Tar at $2 50@$3 50; Pitch at $2 75@$3, ₱ bbl.

OILS—Have been moderately inquired for, including Crude Whale at $1 05@$1 10; Bleached Whale at $1 15@$1 20; Crude Sperm at $1 92½@$1 95; Unbleached Sperm at $2@$2 05; Lard Oil at $1 45@$1 55; Red Oil at 90c. @$1; Linseed Oil at $1 02@$1 05; Olive at $1 45@$1 50 ₱ gallon.

PETROLEUM—The offerings of all kinds of Oil have been on a moderate scale, holders evincing more firmness. Crude, in bulk, has been in some request on the basis of 17¼c., and barreled Crude at equal to 23c. ₱ gallon; but no important sales were reported. No receipts of Crude were noted here. At Philadelphia the arrivals were 450 bbls. Refined has been less active and less buoyant as to price, particularly at Philadelphia. Sales have been reported here of job lots of Standard White, on the spot, at 32½c. @32¾c., 500 bbls. do., last half of May delivery, at 32¼c.; 1,000 bbls. do., August, at 35c. ₱ gallon. Also at Philadelphia, 2,500 bbls. do. at 31¾c. @31¾c., chiefly at 31¾c., the ruling price at the close; and 1,000 bbls. do., last half of May delivery, on private terms, ₱ gallon. The receipts were 1,833 bbls. here, and 1,030 bbls. at Philadelphia. The export clearances hence have been 3,359 bbls. Refined Petroleum, by the bark *Wentworth*, for Philadelphia.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been dull and heavy today, closing lower. Sales have been reported since our last of 1,000 bbls., in lots, at $30 @$30 25, closing at $30 87 regular for New Mess; $30 75 for Old Mess; $28 25@$28 75 for Western Prime Mess; $30 50 for Clear, and $25 75@$26 25 for Prime and Extra Prime ₱ bbl. Stock, 62,417 bbls., against 54,775 bbls. April 1, 1869, and 88,585 bbls. May 1, 1868. Cut Meats continue quiet and heavy; sales equal to 175 packages, at 15c. @15¾c. for Dry-Salted and Pickled Hams, and 12¾c. @13¼c. for Shoulders ₱ lb. Bacon has been dull and heavy; sales of 80 boxes, including Cumberland at 15¾c., and Long Rib on private terms ₱ lb. Lard is unchanged; sales have been reported since our last of 600 tierces and bbls. at 17¼c. @17¾c. for very Choice, chiefly at 17¾c. for City, and 18c. for Prime Western Steam ₱ lb. Beef continues in moderate request for Dry-Salted and Pickled Rump and Mess, and $8@$11 for inferior grades of barreled Mess Beef; sales reported, 170 bbls. Tierce Beef is quite dull, including New Prime Mess at $22@$26; Indian Mess at $22@$31 ₱ tierce; sales 70 tierces. Stock of Beef 47,853 packages, against 55,111 packages April 1, 1869, and 30,353 packages May 1, 1868. Beef Hams are quiet at $26@$32 ₱ bbl.; sales 200 bbls. Butter and Cheese are in demand and steady. We quote:

OLD CROP BUTTER.

State firkins, Extra Yellow, ₱ lb	35c. @40c.
State firkins, Fair to Good, ₱ lb	30c. @35c.
Welsh tubs, Fair to Good, ₱ lb	27c. @33c.
Western firkins, Fair to Good, ₱ lb	25c. @30c.
Canada, Choice to Fancy, ₱ lb	30c. @35c.
Western and Canada, Common, ₱ lb	23c. @25c.

NEW CROP BUTTER.

State half firkin tubs, Good to Extra, ₱ lb	40c. @41c.
State Welsh tubs, Good to Prime, ₱ lb	37c. @39c.
Orange and Sussex fresh pails, Good to Ex. fin, ₱ lb	33c. @45c.
Western tubs, Fair to Good, ₱ lb	34c. @37c.
State and Western, Common, ₱ lb	30c. @35c.

CHEESE.

Factory dairies, fancy and Cheddar shapes, ₱ lb	22 @23
Factory dairies, fair quality, ₱ lb	21 @21½
Farm dairies, fancy and extra quality, ₱ lb	22 @23
Farm dairies, fair to good, ₱ lb	20 @21

RICE—Has been quiet but steady. Stock, 3,628 tierces Carolina and 24,240 bags Cleaned East India.

SUGARS—Have been dull to-day, but held firmly. Sales have been reported of only 161 boxes Havana at from 12c. @15c., ₱ lb. Fair to good refining grades Cuba have been quoted firm at 11¾c. @11¾c.; fair to good grocery grades at from 12c. @12¾c.; very good to choice grocery grades at from 12¾c. @13¼c. ₱ lb. Porto Rico grocery grades ranged from 12c. @13¼c. ₱ lb. No. 12 Box Sugar, 12¾c. @12¾c. ₱ lb. Refined Sugars continue in very moderate demand at 14c. @16c. ₱ lb. Stock loaf, 25,801 bbls. and 11,835 bxs. Crushed.

TALLOW—Sales have been reported of 147,000 lbs. Tallow at 11¼c. @11¾c., chiefly at 11¾c.; also 38,500 lbs. Stearine at 17¼c. @18¾c., and 34,000 lbs. Grease at 10c. @12c. ₱ lb.

WHISKY—Has been quoted up to 94c. @95c. ₱ gallon, with sales of 275 bbls. reported at these figures.

FREIGHTS—Have been very quiet, with 564 vessels of all classes in port. For Liverpool, there were taken, by steamer, a small load of Wheat at 1d. ₱ bushel. For London, 500 bbls. Flour at 1s. 4½d. ₱ bbl.; a line of Hops at 4d. ₱ lb.; 50 bales Tobacco at 2s.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The English Press continue to review Mr. SUMNER'S speech on the *Alabama* claims, which occasions no little anxiety in political circles. The *Times*, at the conclusion of a long article, says the Queen's proclamation of neutrality at the beginning of the rebellion was a prohibition, not an authorization of blockade-runners. In structions have been sent to Commodore PHILLIMORE, commanding the British West India Squadron, to demand of the Spanish authorities in Cuba the restoration of the brig *Mary Lowell* and an apology for her seizure.

In the Spanish Cortes on Saturday Deputy ESTRADA'S amendment to the Constitution abolishing the prerogative of the Crown in ecclesiastical matters was rejected. The limitation of the spiritual jurisdiction of the Church was then discussed until adjournment.

The Russian Government is persevering in the line of moderate and judicious progress. The Council of State is devising means for enlarging the powers of the local municipalities, and the Press laws are to be modified in a liberal sense.

By the arrival of the steamship *Hermann*, from Bremen, April 17, and Southampton, April 20, we are in receipt of mail news later by two days than was already at hand. Foreign letters and extracts of interest thus received will be found elsewhere.

SOUTH AMERICA.

According to recent advices from Paraguay the partisans of President LOPEZ were numerous and active in the Cerroleon and Logoa districts, where they were pursuing a guerrilla warfare. The allies sent a gunboat expedition up the Parana River, which had returned and reported that no fortifications had been discovered on the banks. PARANHOS, with 3,000 men, was on the eve of marching for Villa Rica, which was still in the possession of the Paraguayans.

MEXICO.

The insurgent Colonel PALACIO, after leaving Culiacan, made his way to the town of Tutela, his force having increased to four hundred men by recruits on the road. General DARA was sent after him from Mazatlan, and according to reports an engagement occurred between the insurgents and the Government troops, in which the latter lost two hundred men. It is stated that General DARA'S force was crippled by desertions. The battle appears to have taken place at Tamazula, 110 miles east of Culiacan, in Sinaloa.

GENERAL.

At Amherstburg, Canada, the propeller *Dominion* collided with the schooner *E. W. Head* Saturday night, carrying away some of the upper works, and breaking the steam chest. Subsequently, while at anchor off Point au Pelee, the propeller was again run into by the schooner *Bigeler*, doing further damage.

A severe westeriy gale at the mouth of the Mississippi, swept away the galleries of the light-house and light-keeper's dwelling at Southwest Pass, destroyed the light-house boats and blew five feet of water into the light-house and dwelling. The buildings settled one foot. The storm also damaged the rigging of vessels at the Pass.

A warrant for the arrest of J. C. FORBES, of the brig *Colson*, has been issued upon the affidavit of Supervisor CREECY, at New-Orleans. He is charged with fraudulently branding 3,000 boxes of tobacco. Mr. CREECY on Saturday also seized 103 boxes of tobacco shipped from Augusta, Ga. He has left for Mississippi to examine into other alleged irregularities.

The late rains are proving very disastrous in Alabama. Many of the streams are out of their banks, and much cotton and corn has been drowned. The rains still continue, and the farmers are much depressed.

A barrel of gasoline, standing before the lamp-store of A. H. BOTSFORD, in Second-street, near Pine, St. Louis, took fire Saturday morning, and the lower floor of the building was pretty well burned. The second floor was badly damaged by water, and much of the stock was destroyed. The banking-house of C. H. LAKIN & BRO., adjoining, was badly scorched, but was not materially damaged. The loss was not ascertained.

During the administration of Mayor WENTWORTH deeds were forged in the name of that official and other parties, conveying to them public lands in the City of Chicago valued at over half a million of dollars. In December last a bill was filed in the Superior Court for the purpose of having the conveyance of one of the parcels of land declared void, and compelling IRA JUDD, one of the parties above mentioned, to execute a quit claim deed to the city. The Court decreed the forged instruments utterly void, and JUDD was ordered to execute the quit claim deed required. This, of course, was a test case, and the ruling will apply to all the others.

In Cincinnati, Friday night, trustees and a Board of Managers, the latter consisting of ladies, were elected for the Home of the Friendless. A number of benevolent gentlemen turned over to the trustees a new building for the institution worth $25,000, built by their contributions. The institution is for reforming abandoned women. The new building has a capacity for forty inmates.

An unknown woman, young and nicely dressed, committed suicide by drowning herself in a pond at New-Utrecht, L. I., on Saturday.

The British steamer *St. George*, which struck on the Blonde Rock, off the coast of Maine, will be a total wreck.

A committee, of which Hon. ISRAEL T. HATCH is chairman, has been appointed by the Board of Trade of Buffalo to visit Albany and cooperate with the Committee of the Commercial Convention from Chicago, to secure from the Legislature a reduction of tolls on eastward bound grain on the Erie Canal.

The convicts in the chair shop at Sing Sing Prison attacked a keeper in their room, on Friday, and beat him in a severe manner. The cause has not been ascertained.

The *Southern Opinion*, heretofore published at Richmond, Va., announced its last publication Saturday morning. The editor says that he has for some time thought that, perhaps, the mission of the *Southern Opinion* had been fulfilled, and adds that the distinct Southern principles upon which the paper was founded are dead in the hearts of the people. He further says: "Another fact which we cannot but recognize is, that no cause, however just and good, can long outlive defeat."

The health of ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS exhibited improvement yesterday.

The propeller *St. Albans* arrived at Oswego Saturday, from Milwaukee, with a cargo of wheat. This is the first arrival from Lake Michigan since the opening of navigation.

In Springfield, Ill., a boy named FINLEY, about 14 or 15 years old, who was bitten by a dog five years ago, was attacked on Saturday morning by decided symptoms of hydrophobia.

The Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company have petitioned for aid from the State in the completion of its road, and in building a sea wall around its flats on the northerly shore of South Boston.

The Yale and Harvard freshmen will row a six-oared race of three miles at the coming University regatta in Worcester, Mass.

GEORGE W. PERKINS, Esq., Superintendent of the Chicago Reform School, has been appointed Warden of the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois.

The increase of convicts in the Illinois State Penitentiary continues. The number on Saturday was 1,194, and before the end of this week there will probably be over 1,200—the largest number confined in any one prison in the world.

The miners' organization in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania have decided that no more coal shall be out or lifted by them after the 8th inst.

There was a heavy snow storm in Philadelphia yesterday.

We noticed in these columns yesterday that according to recent advices the fortunes of LOPEZ, the Paraguayan President, did not appear to be so hopeless as was imagined. Later dispatches confirm this supposition; it being stated that LOPEZ is about to take the field against the Allies with an army of 10,000 men.

All the amendments proposed to the new Spanish Constitution, in the Cortes, have been rejected. An amnesty has been extended to the insurgents who took part in the late troubles at Cadiz and other places.

Thirteen thousand six hundred dollars were received at Music Hall, in Boston, by Mr. PECK in two days from the date it was announced that the season tickets for the Jubilee could be obtained by subscribers. This is about one-half the amount subscribed in advance for cards of admission to the whole series of entertainments at the Coliseum.

The German Republican Central Committee held a special meeting yesterday afternoon, and recommended the appointment of Dr. GERKE as School Commissioner under the new law.

The Naval Officer of this Port has appointed three deputies, who were sworn in on Saturday, and has made several subordinate appointments.

Two adroit thieves removed a pane of glass from the show window of WM. R. PEYTON'S store, No. 274 Bowery, last evening, when they gained possession of $416 worth of silks and satin. The occupants of the store did not discover the robbery until they closed the place, consequently no arrests were made.

WILLIAM FINLEY and PETER DOYLE were yesterday committed by Justice DODGE on a charge of highway robbery made by RUDOLPH RAREN, No. 16 Chrystie-street, who alleges that on Friday evening they knocked him down on the corner of West Houston and Greenwich streets, and robbed him of a watch and chain and a pair of spectacles.

A fire occurred yesterday morning at No. 77 Ludlow-street, doing a damage of $300.

A Reminiscence of the Rebellion—The Hampton Roads Conference.

We published yesterday, from the correspondence of the Wheeling (Va.) *Register*, an interesting and curious anecdote concerning the Hampton Roads Conference between President LINCOLN and Mr. SEWARD on the part of the United States, and Messrs. HUNTER, STEPHENS and CAMPBELL on the part of the Southern Confederacy, for the cessation of hostilities and the conclusion of peace. A little previous to this meeting, it will be remembered, Mr. F. P. BLAIR, Sr., made a mysterious visit to Richmond,—the object and result of which are disclosed in the paragraph to which we refer,—the essential part of which is the following:

"While in Marion, Smyth County, a few days ago, I had the pleasure of several lengthy chats with Hon. FAYETTE MCMULLIN. Mr. MCMULLIN says that since the war, he was one day in the President's house in Washington, conversing with Hon. F. BLAIR, Sr. Mr. BLAIR told him that soon after MCMULLIN'S 'peace resolutions' had been introduced into the Confederate Congress, Mr. LINCOLN, being extremely anxious to bring about a peace, honorable alike to both sections of the country, and *foreseeing, and wishing to avoid, the political consequences of the military subjugation of the South*, sent him (Mr. BLAIR) to Richmond to confer with Mr. DAVIS and learn what arrangement of the difficulties could be made. He was passed through the lines of the contending armies and conducted to Mr. DAVIS' house in Richmond. After a long conversation with Mr. DAVIS and other prominent gentlemen for whom Mr. DAVIS sent, and for whom Mr. BLAIR inquired, Mr. DAVIS said that he had no proposition to make. Mr. BLAIR then proposed that *General Lee's army be marched into Mexico against the French; that General Grant would follow and support the movement; that the united armies would drive out Maximilian; and then the Southern States should name their own terms of reconstruction, everything short of independence being guaranteed.* At Mr. DAVIS' request this proposition was made in writing, and, after some consultation and reflection, was *signed and accepted by him.* Mr. BLAIR returned to Washington, and Mr. LINCOLN was *highly delighted with the success of the negotiation.* It was in the hope of consummating this arrangement that Mr. LINCOLN and Mr. SEWARD met the 'Peace Commissioners,' Hons. STEPHENS, HUNTER and CAMPBELL, at Fortress Monroe; but there, to Mr. LINCOLN'S chagrin, the Committee declared that they had been instructed by Mr. DAVIS *to insist upon the independence of the South*, and would listen to no other proposal. And thus the whole affair came to a 'most lame and impotent conclusion.'"

There is nothing intrinsically improbable in this statement. Mr. LINCOLN was known to be exceedingly anxious for a termination of hostilities and the return of the seceded States to their practical and constitutional relations with the Union; and there was scarcely any sacrifice, not involving essential principles, which he was not ready at all times to make to secure that end. In the report of the Conference, made by Mr. SEWARD as Secretary of State, and sent to Mr. ADAMS, our Minister in London, moreover, occurs this paragraph, which tends to confirm the statement. Mr. SEWARD says:

"During the Conference, which lasted four hours, the several points at issue between the Government and the insurgents were distinctly raised and discussed fully, intelligently, and in an amicable spirit. *What the insurgent party seemed chiefly to favor was a postponement of the question of separation upon which the war is waged, and a mutual direction of the efforts of the Government, as well as those of the insurgents, to some extrinsic policy or scheme for a season, during which passions might be expected to subside, and the armies be reduced, and trade and intercourse between the people of the two sections be resumed.* It was suggested by them that through such postponement we might now have immediate peace, with some not very certain prospect of an ultimate satisfactory adjustment of political relations between the Government and the States, nation or people now engaged in conflict with it. The suggestion, though deliberately considered, was nevertheless regarded by the President as one of armistice or truce, and he announced that we can agree to no cessation or suspension of hostilities, except on the basis of the *disbandment of the insurgent forces* and the recognition of the national authority throughout all the States in the Union."

This paragraph renders it not unlikely that the Mexican project was discussed at the Conference. But a preliminary difficulty seems to have arisen. In the written note which Mr. BLAIR delivered to Mr. LINCOLN from Mr. DAVIS, the latter stated his entire willingness to "enter into a conference with a view to secure peace to the *two countries*." Mr. LINCOLN, in reply, accepted the suggestion with a view of "securing peace to *our common country*." At the Conference, as reported by Mr. SEWARD, the President insisted upon the *disbandment of the insurgent forces* as a condition precedent to any cessation or suspension of hostilities, which, of course, would be fatal to the proposal that "General LEE'S army should be marched into Mexico against the French," and be followed by General GRANT'S. Mr. BLAIR'S proposition was that "the *two countries*" should join in driving the French out of Mexico; and to this Mr. DAVIS assented. But Mr. LINCOLN insisted that all idea of *two* countries should first be given up, and that the two armies should become one, and march under the common authority of the Union, and under a common flag, if the enterprise was to be undertaken at all.

The two parties were thus as widely apart as ever, as soon as the real motive and purpose of each was disclosed. Mr. DAVIS aimed, as he had aimed from the beginning, at independence: and Mr. LINCOLN sought, as he had always sought, the restoration of national unity and authority. Each was willing to agree to war with France, or to anything else which would secure the end he had in view:—but neither would agree to anything which would thwart and defeat it.

It is curious, though idle, to speculate as to what would have happened if Mr. BLAIR'S proposition, as he intended it to be understood, had been carried out. If an arrangement had been made by which the two armies, either united under one head, or as two, had been sent into Mexico to drive the French out, what would have been the result? It is by no means impossible that their mutual passions might have subsided,—that the men of the two armies would have become averse to further conflict with each other, and enthusiastic in the cause for which both were contending; and that a state of feeling might have grown up among the population of the two sections at home which would have made it easy to come to terms of peace. Both sections would have found themselves at war with France, and quite likely with Mexico also, and there would have been quite enough of complication and of trouble in the foreign relations of both, to have disinclined them to prolong their contest with each other. It was very evident to sagacious observers on both sides that the war was then drawing to a close. The North had been steadily gaining in material strength and in moral courage, while the South was greatly weakened, wearied and despondent. If Mr. DAVIS had even then taken counsel of prudence and love of what he called *his* country, he might have avoided "the political consequences of its military subjugation," which Mr. LINCOLN foresaw so clearly and dreaded so much. He could not have saved slavery, but he could have at least postponed negro suffrage, and have saved for the Southern States something of the local power and authority which they have been compelled to surrender.

It seems that on this occasion, as on many others, the Southern States and people are indebted to the short-sighted obstinacy and personal ambition of Mr. DAVIS for the utter and disastrous overthrow which overtook their cause. An account of the Hampton Conference, said to have been prepared by Mr. STEPHENS, one of the Confederate Commissioners, states that Mr. HUNTER made a long reply to Mr. LINCOLN'S statement,—that "the only ground on which he could rest the justice of the war, either with his own people or with foreign Powers, was that it was not a war for conquest, but that the States had never been separated from the Union,"—in which he insisted that the recognition of the right of Mr. DAVIS to make a treaty, as President of an independent nation, was indispensable, and cited the correspondence between King CHARLES I. and his Parliament as a precedent. The report proceeds:

"Mr. LINCOLN'S face wore that indescribable expression which generally preceded his hardest hits, and he remarked: 'Upon questions of history I must refer you to Mr. SEWARD, for he is posted in such things, and I don't profess to be. My only distinct recollection of the matter is, *that Charles lost his head.*' This settled HUNTER for a while."

DAVIS seems to have been as obstinate as CHARLES I., and as resolute in consulting his own personal dignity rather than the necessities and welfare of his country. And the result in both cases was substantially the same. Mr. BLAIR'S proposition had in it the germ of a peace,—honorable and useful to both sections, if it had been used to promote their union. But Mr. DAVIS was determined to make use of it only so far as it might be made to serve the ends of his personal ambition; and the result is what we see. He lost what little head he had, in a political sense, very effectually.

Official Changes.

General P. H. JONES takes possession of his office to-day as Postmaster of this City. He has appointed Mr. WM. B. TAYLOR to be his First Assistant, and Colonel GEORGE VAN BRUNT to be Second Assistant. Mr. TAYLOR has long been familiar with the affairs of the Post Office, having been first appointed to the same position as that which he now holds in 1838, by Mr. J. I. CODDINGTON, then Postmaster, having previously been a clerk, first in the Post Office at New-Brunswick, N. J., and afterward in this City. He was made Postmaster by General TAYLOR, and held the office for a short time, and was subsequently reappointed to his old position, which he held till 1864. He is a man of high integrity, and thoroughly acquainted with all the practical business of the office. He was strongly urged upon General GRANT by influential persons for the position of Postmaster. Col. VAN BRUNT was Deputy Surveyor of the Port under Mr. WAKEMAN, and is well known as having been for many years an active and zealous. Republican, and a business man of very great energy and business ability. These appointments will be well received by our citizens as insuring the uprightness and efficiency of the public service. It is alleged that under the recent administration a very large number of ultra Democrats have obtained places as clerks, carriers, &c., in the Post Office These will give place as rapidly as possible to others more acceptable as politicians to the dominant party; but beyond these necessary and proper changes it is not supposed that very many removals will take place.

It will be seen by a correspondence published elsewhere that Mr. D. G. ROLLINS has resigned the position as Assistant District-Attorney which he has held under Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. ROLLINS is a gentleman of marked talents and an able lawyer. His services in the office which he thus resigns have been zealous and effective. He is a nephew, we believe, of the late Commissioner of Internal Revenue. He proposes, we understand, to enter upon the practice of the law in this City.

Testimony of Fire Underwriters as Applicable to Life Insurance.

The apologists of extravagance in life insurance management have attempted to justify their position by reference to the system of brokerage and the rates of commission which fire insurance companies are accustomed to pay. The plea has no weight in the estimation of those who appreciate the distinction between the two forms of insurance, and the essential difference in their respective conditions of prosperity. What fire insurance companies choose to do for the acquisition of business, and the price they are willing to pay for its continuance, are points in no way affecting the merits or demerits of the practice of life companies.

It seems, however, that even the Fire Underwriters are not satisfied with things as they are. They have discovered that in the reckless race for business they have suffered rates of commission to rise to a point which jeopardizes the solvency of companies, and is productive of evils which should be summarily suppressed. The National Board, recently in session in this City, has furnished testimony which can be neither disregarded nor denied. The Committee having charge of the subject of commissions reported that "the large commission paid by many Board Companies tends to demoralization;" adding that "it was a sad day when we raised commissions from ten to fifteen per cent; we then sowed the wind, and are now reaping the whirlwind." This resolution, moreover, was submitted by the Committee:

"That from and after May 1, 1869, all companies connected with the National Board of Fire Underwriters hereby pledge themselves that the rate of commission which they will allow to agents shall be calculated only upon the net premiums due the Company after deducting taxes, licenses, advertising and all other agency expenses, except in cases where only ten per cent. commission is paid."

The discussion arising out of this proposition proved that the conclusion arrived at by the Committee was fully sustained by the experience of the Board. Mr. GARRIGUE, President of the "Germania," advocated the change as, practically, a saving to the companies of thirty per cent. of the commissions. "It is a needed economy in the agencies." The President of the "Irving," Mr. CROWELL, pointed out the demoralizing effect of high rates upon agents themselves. "They get their fifteen per cent. gross," and are indifferent to all else. The same view was expressed with greater emphasis by Mr. LEARNED, President of the "Norwich," of Connecticut. Insurance, he insisted, "pays a disproportionately large commission as compared with any other business. It is often a temptation to agents to encourage over-insurance. He had known of many cases." Still another member, Mr. BEAN, demanded a more specific reform than that submitted by the Committee. "A resolution should be adopted fixing the commissions uniformly at ten per cent. gross. Even five per cent. would be enough. The change," he observed, "might reduce the number of agents, but the business would be more healthy." The latter consideration is evidently firmly impressed upon the mind of Mr. BOWKER, President of the "North American," of Boston, for he declared that "the insurance interest is hampered by boards of useless go-betweens, who receive a commission that no other business could afford to pay." Mr. SATTERLEE, President of the "Home," New-Haven, also adverted to the brokerage system as one of the evils to be removed. Among the members, indeed, there seems to have been but one opinion as to the impropriety of the present rates of commission, and the abuses which extravagant management and reckless competition have introduced. Eventually, the reduction suggested by the Committee was sanctioned by the Board, whose members subsequently adopted an additional recommendation "that ten per cent. commission only be allowed to agents, and five per cent. to brokers, without any rebate whatever."

Every complaint here uttered, every grievance here stated, is applicable to the system of life insurance management now in force. All the evils which the Fire Underwriters propose to remedy in their branch of business prevail in even a larger degree in life insurance. The method of acquiring business leads to the ignoring of all considerations save the single one of a large commission. The brokerage system has grown to proportions which for the time yield a large number of policies, but which will ultimately bring disgrace and disaster on the entire system. The wild hunt for business which in fire insurance leads to excessive and ill-judged risks, with all their consequences, is carried on with more dangerous effect under the "touting" which the ambition of life companies to become great has fostered. Representations are made which cannot be substantiated. Expectations are excited which, as a rule, cannot be fulfilled. Popular ignorance and credulity are trifled with by the presentation of life insurance in the light of an investment. Its true mission as a provident agency is overlooked, and characteristics are claimed for it utterly at variance with its real nature and purpose. These evils are partly the result of the pretensions of many of the companies, and of the mania for expansion which afflicts nearly all of them; but they are aggravated by the multiplication of irresponsible canvassers whom the prevailing rates of commission have called into existence. The complaint of the fire underwriters is that the commissions squandered in the acquisition of business consume the profits of the stockholders. In life insurance their effects are more serious. For the expenses of companies not only curtail the profits of the insured, but gradually impair the resources on whose constant growth depends the fulfillment of contracts.

While, then, costly management is bad in fire insurance, it is infinitely worse when it extends to life insurance. The risks of the former are, as it were, within sight. Their duration is brief. The condition of a Company undertaking them admits of easy analysis; and the policy-holders have, in a large degree, the power of protecting themselves by reinsurance. But the life insurance company is a complicated and to most a mysterious affair. Its solvency is to be determined in the comparatively remote future. It may present an appearance of prosperity albeit withering at the core. It may exhibit an enormous increase of business, and may amuse the insured with what it is pleased to call "profits," and all the time be on the high road to ruin. Hence the paramount importance of preserving in its management the caution of conscientiousness which should belong to the administration of a complicated and sacred trust. The care in the selection of agents, and the economy in the matter of expenses, which are expedient in fire insurance, become to life insurance a solemn duty. The interests at stake are so peculiar and important, the scientific laws governing their successful management are at once so well defined and so rarely understood, that they call for a guardianship having little in common with the present passion for "pushing business."

The business is overdone. Companies are in too great a hurry to become colossal. The standard of excellence they have set up is one of size. An enormous issue of policies constitutes their ideal of a year's prosperity. And multitudes of the insured contemplate with satisfaction statements of the number of insurances granted and premiums received, as though they were conclusive proof of a company's excellence. It is the duty of managers who desire the permanent success of life insurance to discard a test which is as delusive as it is dangerous. The mere amount of business proves nothing except the activity of a great number of agents and brokers, operating under the stimulus of large commissions. What we really want to know is, the ratio of increase in the accumulation of reserve—in other words, the growth of the proportion of assets to the risks in force, together with economy in the conduct of the business; for these are criteria of soundness, as distinguished from mere evidence of "push" And as the interests of the policy-holders are involved in a healthy prosperity rather than a ponderous display, it may, and probably does happen that a company whose year's new business embraces but five thousand policies, is more deserving of confidence than one whose growth is twice or thrice as rapid.

The first step in reform will have been taken when the reputable life companies follow the example of the fire underwriters, and reduce to a moderate and uniform standard the rates of commission paid to agents and brokers. The present rates are inexcusably extravagant. Their reduction may have the effect of diminishing the volume of business, but the temporary loss in this respect will be more than covered by the improved condition of the business, and its improved title to public confidence.

The Velocipede in New-York Streets.

Although we doubt whether, in view of the existing state of horse cars, and the non-existing state of cheap cabs, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this City of ours would be exactly justified in declaring that "the use of the vehicles known as velocipedes is not required by any public necessity or for the public convenience," yet we incline to think they might be justified in doing what they are now asked to do, namely, forbid the use of these new machines in the more crowded of the public streets.

The words just quoted are from the preamble of an ordinance proposed to the authorities aforesaid, "in Common Council convened," and probably the mere proposition has already struck terror to would-be velocipedestrians. But, after all, can these latter, or anybody else, deny the allegation of the remainder of the preamble, that velocipedes are "likely to prove a serious impediment to the necessary use of the public thoroughfares?" It seems to us that the proposition is too plain to be disputed. The velocipede does certainly combine many advantages which will probably retain it some time in favor,—it is a pretty toy, a means of innocent amusement, of healthful recreation, of specially good muscular exercise, (though one doctor has already fulminated against it,) and, under certain circumstances, of pleasant and swift locomotion. Yet every one of these advantages could be enumerated in favor of "coasting;"—why, then, are boys' sleds banished from Broadway? Simply because they are unsuited to the thoroughfares; and boys flying down hill in a crowded city are known by historic experience to be in the habit of breaking their necks or the shins of innocent passers-by.

"There is a time for all things," says high authority, and it is equally clear that there is also a *place*—and it is little less doubtful that the place for velocipedes is not the crowded business thoroughfares of New-York. Let anybody, of a bright May afternoon, see the quantity of velocipedes flying like shuttles hither and thither up and down some favorite rendezvous for them—say Clinton-street, in Brooklyn—and imagine these steeds to be permitted to usurp the streets of New-York. Possibly something might be done in the way of a compromise by ordaining that they should never move "faster than a trot," or to that effect; but it requires only a look at the machines in operation to see how plainly impossible it would be to add them to the other nuisances which imperil life and limb, and impede free and easy locomotion, in our City streets.

The velocipedes must be content to take their proper place in public parks, in the "rinks" and riding schools, in the suburbs, perhaps in the upper streets of the City, and wherever they may have free course, run and be glorified. They must not, flushed with favor, essay to make our lower, narrower and more crowded New-York streets still more inconvenient; and lest they should, we presume the ordinance in question will be passed.

Mr. Punch and Mr. Johnson.

"*Mr. Punch* hopes," says the organ of that estimable humorist, "that something in the shape of an English tribute will be offered to that kindly-hearted gentleman, Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON, before he is allowed to go away. He has been assiduously doing his best to create the international sympathy which we desire to believe exists; and if ever a man came under the provision of the beatitude about peace-makers, Mr. JOHNSON is the man." This is the kindliest—we might almost say the *only* kindly public tribute from his English friends which Minister JOHNSON has received. It is remarkable that, while he has been overflowing with good words, fraternal pledges, and generous prayers for the prosperity of England, he has in return received rather less thanks, or even acknowledgement, than a gruffer ambassador is wont to secure.

Take, for example, Mr. ROEBUCK'S case. That gentleman certainly could not have felt aggrieved had the American Minister refused to cultivate his acquaintance. But what was the fact? Mr. JOHNSON saw him afar off—even from London to Sheffield—ran to him, and metaphorically if not literally fell on his neck and kissed him. Instead, however, of accepting the *rôle* of repentant prodigal, Mr. ROEBUCK, at the banquet which Mr. JOHNSON said he would have attended even for his sake alone, abused and villified the American people; a few days later, in a public speech, he expressed the desire to see America torn asunder; and yet a few months later, he gave his countrymen this dying legacy, "Beware of America."

And this will stand very well for one example of fifty of the reception Mr. JOHNSON'S courtesies have met. They have been almost uniformly, and often rudely, rebuked. The English Press has joined in a common cry against him, even the *Edinburgh Review* now taking up the refrain. His desire "to create international sympathy" has been described as "soft sawder," "soft soap," and, at best, "soft sentiment." Now, while it was very well for the American public to resent what they justly considered their Envoy's misappreciation of their feelings, it is quite a different matter for the British public to sneer at his friendly manifestations as either insincere or maudlin. Mr. JOHNSON has made sad mistakes, but not on the side of insincerity, since he evidently believes what he says. "*Mr. Punch*," therefore, does a fair thing when he demands for Mr. JOHNSON "kind regards tied up in a large parcel." The duty of rebuking Mr. JOHNSON for over-demonstrativeness is not an English duty; and, indeed, we shall not be surprised if, when he really leaves English shores, he obtains a more generous token of appreciation than hitherto from those whom he sought to please, even at the cost of mortally offending his own countrymen.

MINOR TOPICS.

We presume that General GRANT'S brief interview with General LEE, on Saturday, referred to the reconstruction of Virginia. General GRANT has exhibited a great deal of anxiety about this subject, and the special message he sent to Congress a few weeks ago, asking the passage of a bill, (which was immediately thereafter introduced and passed,) enables him to initiate measures for the establishment of civil government. General LEE is a representative man of Virginia, and it was wise in the President to obtain his judgment regarding a scheme which must meet the approval of the people of the State.

General ROSECRANS has been too late in asking that he be retained as our representative to Mexico for some time longer to enable him to carry out negotiations for the purchase of a portion of the Mexican territory. His successor, Hon. Mr. NELSON, of Indiana, who was nominated to the Senate a month ago, was immediately confirmed, and is just about to leave this country to enter on the duties of his mission.

If Judge EDMONDS has really the power (as he says he has) of seeing and conversing with deceased Judges and deceased culprits—if he has the power (as he says he has) of getting from the Judges the principles of judicial administration, and from accused persons the true facts of their case,—he ought immediately to be appointed a Supreme Court of Ultimate Appeal. There would only be one difficulty about the matter. SWEDENBORG, who claims to have visited the other world and conversed with large numbers of spirits, shows that people after death may be as great fools and knaves as they were while living. He found some ghosts so thick-headed as not even to know that they were dead, while others were such scoundrels as to lie and curse, and still others played all sorts of fantastic tricks before the Swedish seer. Here would be the difficulty for Judge EDMONDS. The ghost of a dead murderer or thief would probably deny most furiously that he was ever guilty of the crime, and the ghost of an incompetent Judge would doubtless make the most preposterous decisions. We would be compelled to test the evidence of dead culprits just as we test that of living culprits, and we should be as dubious of the justice of the decisions of dead Judges as of living ones. Even the newspapers would review a ghost's evidence, and probably prove him to be a liar, and they would review a judicial ghost's decision and probably prove him to be an ass.

Some months ago, we heard of the breakdown of the Charleston *Mercury*, which, since its revival after the war, had attempted to advocate opinions of State Rights somewhat similar to those it advocated with fatal force before the war. Now, we hear from Richmond of the breakdown of the *Southern Opinion*, another paper of somewhat similar stripe—a paper, in fact, which represented the "Lost Cause." In its last issue it mournfully announces that its mission has been fulfilled—that "Southern principles," to wit, Secession principles, are dead in the Southern heart, and that no cause can long outlive its defeat on the battle field. It is an excellent sign for the prosperity and future welfare of the Southern people that these sectional and malignant journals are passing into the bottomless pit.

The difficulty between France and Belgium is to be settled by a *Conference*—the Emperor NAPOLEON'S favorite idea for the settlement of all international difficulties. The "Belgium question" is simply this: A French company purchased a Belgian railroad. Immediately after this, the Belgian Chambers enacted that no Belgian railroad could be purchased or controlled by a foreign company without the consent of the Belgian Chambers. Thereupon, the French Government remonstrated diplomatically with the Belgian Government; but there was the enactment of the Belgian Chambers, and the Belgian King was powerless, even if he had desired to accommodate France. Regarding this question, a good deal of irritation has appeared in both France and Belgium; and as it is a standing article of European faith that France desires the absorption of Belgium at the first convenient opportunity, it was supposed by some people that NAPOLEON would press the French claims with a show of determination. Having resolved, however, to submit the whole matter to a Conference, we may now look for a pacific settlement of the difficulty. Belgium will doubtless secure her independence of action, while France will doubtless secure the rights of her citizens.

We don't see why the Mexicans should be so anxious to have Cuba severed from Spain. The Mexicans have certainly made a frightful business of governing their own country since they severed it.

The Springfield *Republican* is so very old-fashioned as to be afraid of having a Nuncio from the Pope sent to Washington—citing the reformed custom of the British Government for the last three centuries or so. We do not sympathize with any such sentiment of terror. No doubt the Jesuits have had a great name for cunning; but we question if they are sharp enough to come round any of our own diplomatists in any walk of public policy. With regard to the other considerations, we can only say we have no fear that any notions of the Middle Ages will overpower us. If they and their Nuncio will have the courage to come among us we shall have the courage to receive them politely. If the Pope is not afraid of our peculiar propaganda, we certainly shall not be afraid of his.

Mrs. JULIA WARD HOWE, the accomplished author and poet, has been delivering a series of philosophical discourses in Boston which appear to be altogether above the comprehension of the people of that city. Judging by their reports, they seem to be particularly mystified with her doctrine of *polarity*, and her theories of the action of the more subtle forces of life and nature. It is absurd to deliver such lectures in Boston, when Mrs. HOWE could find an intellectual audience in New-York that would fully appreciate her scientific theories as well as her metaphysical speculations.

The rivalry over the two great Central American canals will not allow those themes of general interest to go to sleep. The English Chargé d'Affaires has laid before the Colombian Senate the proposal of a wealthy English company to build the Isthmian water-way at Panama. And on the subject of the Nicaraguan canal conceded to NAPOLEON'S man CHEVALIER, M. FELIX BELLY is coming up to Washington for the purpose of protesting that CHEVALIER has no right against a former concession to him (BELLY) and asking our Government to interfere. So that we shall have some further talk over these things. The Bogota people say they want everything fair, and for the general good. They also want a good bargain for themselves and a large "consideration" in the premises.

The question of the date of the birth of the First NAPOLEON is revived, by the letter of the present Emperor recommending the commemoration of the centenary of that event. LOUIS NAPOLEON says that his uncle was born Aug. 15, 1769; but, (says an English writer,) it has been very commonly believed that he was really born in the previous year, 1768. The reason which induced NAPOLEON I. to wish that his birth should be regarded as having taken place in 1769 was this: If he was born in 1768 he was not born a Frenchman, for Corsica was not annexed to France till the following year. The question was formerly disputed with vehemence and party zeal; and we fear that even in France itself, it will not be considered as settled even by the decision of His Imperial Majesty, who now governs the French intellect as well as the French army.

The Mexican Government is very anxious to borrow or otherwise get hold of a little money to meet its expenses, and is willing to resort to any expedient for that purpose. For its benefit, we will mention one expedient that would be more effective than any other. It should show some disposition to pay the debts it already owes. It should show some willingness to recognize those debts. It should make some attempts to secure their settlement in an honorable manner. The main reason it cannot borrow plenty of money in Europe is that it will not take any step

from the West over the railroad from San Francisco, a quantity of Chinese tea, such as it was always in the habit of receiving from New-York. It means to keep that latter advantage for the future; and its right there is none to dispute. New-York, comparatively speaking, is at the wrong side of the continent in respect of tea-chests and John Chinamen.

It has appeared of late months that an almost incredible number of persons urged GRANT for the Presidency several years ago. The *World*, of yesterday, through a Washington correspondent, attempts to show that he was first spoken of for the Presidency "nearly four years ago," that some time afterward his claims were advocated by a Massachusetts Senator, and that subsequently he was taken up by different papers and politicians. We don't consider the settlement of the point of any immediate consequence; but there can be harm in copying from the *Army and Navy Journal* of "nearly *six* years ago," (Dec. 19, 1863) the following paragraph: "Two of the leading political journals in this City, the NEW-YORK TIMES and the *Herald*, *are urging General Grant for the Presidency.*"

Death of Mr. C. B. Seymour.

Mr. CHARLES B. SEYMOUR, who has been connected with the TIMES as its Musical and Dramatic Critic from nearly the beginning of its publication, died yesterday morning at his residence in Union-square, after an illness of little more than a week, from which he was believed to be recovering. Mr. SEYMOUR was an Englishman by birth, and a gentleman of decided ability and more than ordinary culture. He was well known and very highly esteemed as a critic, both in music and the drama, being well-informed, conscientious and just. His style of writing was exceedingly clear, forcible and accurate; and his opinions on matters of art, which were never expressed hastily, or without due care, commanded an unusual degree of weight with the best portion of the reading public. Mr. SEYMOUR contributed a good deal to other departments of literature, and always with ability and success. At one time he was interested in the publication of the *Weekly Review*, and was also engaged in the translation from the German and preparation for the stage of two or three plays. In 1867 he was appointed by the Government one of the American Commissioners, for the department of Music and Musical Instruments, to the great Exposition in Paris, and made an extended and valuable report on the subject upon his return. During the Summer of that year he married in Paris a sister-in-law of MILLS, the pianist, whom he leaves with one child to mourn his loss. Mr. SEYMOUR was of an exceedingly kind and genial nature, just and honorable in all his relations, and greatly respected and loved by all who knew him. To us his loss, both as an associate and a friend, is very great, as it was very sudden and unexpected. Mr. SEYMOUR has suffered greatly for many years from asthma, which doubtless aggravated very much a rheumatism consequent upon a severe cold, leading to congestion and an affection of the brain. Besides a brother, resident in Pittsburg, we are not aware that he left any relatives in this country.

WASHINGTON.

The British Press Comments on Senator Sumner's Speech—Deep Interest of the Diplomats in the Alabama Question—Departure of Mr. Motley—General Robert E. Lee's Visit to Washington.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 2.

The comments and expressions of the British Press and Cabinet upon the rejection of the Alabama Claims Treaty and Mr. SUMNER's speech do not cause any surprise here in official circles. Such a response was generally expected, particularly after the publication of the speech, and Mr. SUMNER is surprised least of all. It is a curious fact that while Mr. SUMNER's speech, the rejection of the treaty, and the confirmation of Mr. MOTLEY all took place on the same day, yet the latter fact was the only one which was telegraphed to the London Press by the cable. No portion of the speech was telegraphed, not even its points, and no expression made on the subject until the receipt of the speech itself and the subsequent vote on rejection by mail. It is thought here that Mr. GLADSTONE'S assurances from reliable quarters that the rejection of the treaty by the Senate was a purely political movement must have come from REVERDY JOHNSON. It certainly could not have proceeded from any member of the British Legation here, for they are all too well informed to entertain such an opinion as that. The British Minister here may possibly assure the Premier that a settlement can ultimately be reached, and that there is no danger of a rupture of the friendly relations of the two nations. But he is certainly cognizant of the fact that the rejection of the treaty is not less unanimous with the Press and the public than it was with the Senate. The European diplomats here are deeply interested in the question as it now stands.

It is suggestively hinted in their circles that LOUIS NAPOLEON, GORTSCHAKOFF and BISMARCK can now make their combinations without regard to what Great Britain may say, as she will have this question on hand to settle with the United States. BISMARCK new months ago that the United States would ere long hold the balance of power in Europe, and he evinced his desire to cultivate friendly relations with the Chief Magistrate of this nation when he telegraphed his congratulatory dispatch to the President on the 4th of March.

DEPARTURE OF MINISTER MOTLEY.

Mr. MOTLEY leaves here to-morrow for New-York, accompanied by Mr. HOOPER, of Boston, whose guest he has been. He will be at the Brevoort House while in New-York, and will sail with his family for Liverpool in the Cunard steamer of the 19th. Those best informed here entertain no doubt of his favorable reception by the British Cabinet. He is personally acquainted with Lord CLARENDON, with whom he will have to treat, and with nearly all the leading statesmen of Great Britain. The only thing that is known outside about Mr. MOTLEY's instructions is that he is not instructed to press a reopening of the negotiations.

GENERAL LEE'S VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT.

General LEE's interview with the President yesterday is represented to have been of a cordial character, but to have related wholly to personal matters. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. TAGGART of Baltimore. He is the guest here of Mrs. KENNON, at the Tudor Place, in Georgetown, and dined to-day with Mrs. PODESTAD, the wife of the Secretary of the Spanish Legation, who is a Virginia lady.

APPOINTMENTS.

Hon. HENRY T. BLOW, Ex-Congressman from St. Louis, was yesterday appointed Minister to Brazil, in place of WM. A. PILE, whose nomination was laid on the table by the Senate. General SICKLES' appointment will probably be made this week. Consul General PLUMB, having received his credentials and instructions, will leave for Havana this week.

PERRY FULLER'S CACOGRAPHY.

PERRY FULLER prints a card in the New-Orleans papers of the 28th with reference to his recently published letter. He calls it a "base exposition of a strictly private and confidential letter written by me upon matters of business to my agent in Washington." He further says it is "garbled, incorrect and incomplete." The last two charges are probably true, but if the letter as printed in the *Times* of yesterday was garbled, FULLER must have done it himself. Of Colonel CASEY's appointment he says:

But as by the construction put upon this letter it is sought to connect in some unfair way the action he has executed me as Collector of the Port with my business operations since I have left the Custom-house, in justice to that gentleman I ask the publication of this explanation. My reasons for desiring the appointment of Colonel CASEY were to keep the position above board. I did not wish to retain the position of Collector of the Port of New-Orleans, as I intended to go into business in this city. It was my belief, at this juncture, that the choice of Collector lay between two gentlemen. One was Colonel CASEY, to avoid accepting the position from Mr. JOHNSON, the other was a personal enemy of mine. Is it remarkable that I should seek to further the appointment of one whose character as a gentleman and a soldier I considered unexceptionable, and who I believed to have the requisite qualifications for the position? It was in this light, and this light only, and with these considerations, believed then, that I requested General EWING to aid in securing the appointment of Colonel CASEY, knowing that with him I had at least the pleasure of being on the footing of an ordinary friend, and that with his competitor I was on terms of open hostility.

Very respectfully, PERRY FULLER.

CUSTOM-HOUSE REMOVALS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Secretary BOUTWELL has approved the following appointments which were made by Collector Grinnell in the New-York Custom-house during the last week:

Henry Williams, vice J. W. Strodwell, to be Deputy Collector, at $6,000 per annum.

Henry C. Lake, Chas. H. Phelps, D. B. Dudley and D. T. Curtis, to be Weighers, vice C. H. Hawkins, H. A. Smalley, J. Neary and W. G. Waite, at $3,000.

Louis J. Kirk, vice W. H. Doty, Deputy Surveyor, at $2,800.

John Crumly and W. A. Stiles, to be Gaugers, vice J. V. Golding and S. L. Pratt, removed, at $2,000.

E. D. Forrest and S. M. Burt, Deputy Naval Officers, vice Wm. Usher and J. J. Shaw, at $2,500.

Geo. A. Keiser and E. M. Skidmore, vice D. J. Masters and T. A. Morris, clerks, at $1,600.

Robert T. Shumate, vice E. M. S. Redmore, clerk, at $1,500.

G. W. Wright, clerk to Naval Officer, at $1,800.

D. C. Roberts and J. W. Lalor, vice C. D. Westbrook and J. Price, clerks to Naval Officer, at $1,400.

L. H. Hubbard and P. H. Wells, vice C. Warden and Silas Wright, clerks, at $1,300.

W. S. Salingre, vice C. W. Lawrence, clerk, at $1,000.

E. H. Hills, vice J. F. Franklin, clerk, at $1,200.

Peter Voyleseang and E. Van Valkenburg, vice Samual Wheley and J. W. Taylor, messengers, at $900.

R. Gardiner, R. T. Mortling and Jas. English, vice J. W. Aldwell, A. W. Alcock and Isaac Britton, messengers, at $600 per annum.

S. W. Clay, vice Peter Voglesang, messenger, at $700.

James F. Conger, R. Des Anges, C. S. Strong, W. J. Young, R. J. Bennett, John Greenback, John Van Deventer, A. E. Chamberlain, P. B. Edwin, R. W. Allen, A. Sturdevant, H. O. Mewning, S. S. Holdridge, Thomas E. Gould, F. Hawley, E. B. Livingston, Alfred Douglass, Bailey B. Brown, L. Schoenerhorn, F. Barber, S. A. Waterbury, R. J. Sperry, James J. Dewey and George Parkard, to be Day Inspectors, vice G. F. Merwin, Aaron Herman, D. M. Egbert, J. G. Lalley, W. H. Lane, W. A. Martin, John R. Farley, J. D. Henderson, N. Foster, C. Fox, A. A. Bedell, S. T. Buckley, T. M. Cook, James Bryan, John S. Moore, J. B. Randolph, George J. Wood, H. J. Matteon, T. A. McGaughey, J. Hobart Ward, Wm. Charnley, Robert L. Cook, J. Yeaman and Eugene Delmar, removed, at $4 per day.

Charles Bathman, William Graham, R. Tidim, J. H. Rook, James Steventon, J. M. Smith, A. J. Miner, J. Emrich, C. T. Rose, George Sherman, H. C. Gill and Patrick Rafferty, vice George Hewitt, William Osborne, James Kennedy, J. H. Decker, G. B. Miller, William Doherty, J. Eagan, Morgan Price, Patrick Reily, Patrick Tighe, P. Harkin and J. Mitchell, Night Inspectors, at $3 per day.

A. Hanscom, clerk, at $2,000, removed.

John Brewer, J. W. Halstead, Isaac S. Young, L. H. Clark and H. W. Jennings, Storekeepers, removed.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 2.

TELEGRAPH ENTERPRISE.

A company has been organized, with the capital subscribed, to construct a telegraph line from St. Louis, through Texas, to the Pacific Coast. Some of the parties were recently in this city to perfect the arrangements.

TRANSPORTATION OF BULLION.

The mail contractors on the Southern overland route have entered into a contract to transport two millions of bullion annually from Chihuahua, Mexico, to New-York. Heretofore the bullion has been carried to San Francisco and thence to England.

MR. MOTLEY'S INSTRUCTIONS.

It has been reliably ascertained that the instructions of this Government to Minister MOTLEY do not suggest any mode of adjusting the pending questions between the United States and Great Britain; nor do they require him at present to propose the reopening of negotiations for the settlement of the *Alabama* and other claims. Our Government will act with the deliberation due to this important subject, and carefully avoid any cause of offence while firmly presenting the American side of the question to Her Majesty's Government when occasion shall require.

VIRGINIA POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

Information has been received here that a certain prominent gentleman in Richmond, after a conversation with General CANBY, left him with the impression that the vote on the Constitution of Virginia will not take place at the general election on the fourth Thursday of May, but probably between the 1st and 10th of July, so as not to interfere with the harvest. He also desires a thorough registration, and is anxious that citizens of all parties shall interest themselves in securing a full and fair vote. The probability is that President GRANT will be governed by General CANBY's suggestions.

THE PRESIDENT AND FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHED.

President GRANT, accompanied by Mrs. GRANT and two of their children, and his father-in-law, Mr. DENT, visited BRADY's gallery yesterday afternoon, and the party sat for their portraits. The President then proceeded to the State Department with Mr. J. RUSSELL JONES, lately nominated as Minister to Belgium.

OBITUARY.

Colonel A. P. WILLIS, a prominent lawyer of Texas, died here to-day.

CHANGES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

Tabular Statement Showing the Number of Changes in the Revenue Service by States—The Criticisms Upon the President and His Appointments—Bad Appointments Chargeable to Members of Congress.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, May 1, 1869.

The idea prevails very generally that the changes in the public service, especially in the Revenue Department, have been much more numerous than is actually the fact. Prior to the advent of the new Administration the clamor for change, as well as the necessity therefor, was the burden of the talk of the Republican Press. Every one then agreed that at least half, if not two-thirds, of the entire list of revenue officers should be displaced. Many would have had a clean sweep of good and bad, and a fresh start with clean material. But now there is much grumbling because there has been so many changes. Well, what are the facts? The statistics show that the *personnel* of precisely one-half of the internal revenue service has been changed. The following table shows the whole thing by States, and in some of the principal States, like Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Massachusetts, for instance, the changes have not amounted to more than one-third of their total number of officers. The first column shows the total number of Assessors and Collectors in the respective States, the number of each being equal, and the last column shows the whole number of changes in each State:

State.	No. Officers in each State.	Changes. Ass'rs.	Col'rs.	Total.
Alabama	6	3	3	6
Arizona	2			
Arkansas	4	2	2	4
California	10	1	1	2
Colorado	2			
Connecticut	6	1	1	2
Dakota	2			
Delaware	2	1	1	2
District of Columbia	2	1	1	2
Florida	2			
Georgia	6	3	3	6
Idaho	2			
Illinois	20	3	6	9
Indiana	12	3	3	6
Iowa	12	2	2	4
Kansas	2	1	1	2
Kentucky	12	5	5	10
Louisiana	6	3	3	6
Maine	10	2	3	5
Maryland	10	5	5	10
Massachusetts	14	2	3	5
Michigan	13	1	1	2
Minnesota	4	2	2	4
Mississippi	6	3	3	6
Missouri	12	3	3	6
Montana	2	1	1	2
Nebraska	2	1	1	2
Nevada	2	1	1	2
New-Hampshire	6	2	2	4
New-Jersey	8	1	1	2
New-Mexico	2	1	1	2
New-York	64	13	12	25
North Carolina	12	4	4	8
Ohio	28	7	7	14
Oregon	2	1	1	2
Pennsylvania	42	12	12	24
Rhode Island	4	1	1	2
South Carolina	6	3	3	6
Tennessee	12	5	6	11
Texas	4	2	2	4
Utah	2	1	1	2
Vermont	6	2	2	4
Virginia	12	3	5	8
Washington Territory	2	1	1	2
West Virginia	6	2	3	5
Wisconsin	12	1	2	3
Wyoming	2	1	1	2
Total	402	112	122	234

For the purpose of showing the changes in the public service, this is the strongest illustration that could be given, because in no other branch has there been the same proportion of removals. Only about one-third of the consular and diplomatic officers have been changed, though this includes something over one-half of the most important foreign missions. Yet there has not been a change effected in that list that was not necessitated by other circumstances than mere political considerations. A little examination and reflection will convince thinking people that neither the country, nor yet the Republican Party, are any more out of joint by these official changes than they have been on like occasions heretofore.

The criticisms upon the President's Cabinet and appointments which have latterly appeared in the TIMES and one or two other fair-minded Republican journals, whose faith in the purity and earnestness of the President's intentions is unshaken, are not likely to be without effect in the right quarter. But some of this criticism is misdirected. Any one who has witnessed the scenes here for the past sixty days is naturally imbued with sympathy for the unfortunate position, sufferings and weary labors of the President and heads of departments. And these sufferings are inflicted almost wholly by members of Congress. The means to which some of them resort to accomplish their ends ought to mantle their cheeks with shame, and would if exposed. In nearly every case where a change has been effected for the worse, or a bad appointment made, it has been effected by a combination and pressure of influences from Congressmen which it was impossible for any human nature to resist. Take, for instance, the case of a certain Collector of Internal Revenue in the State of New-York. He has a good record, and it will be for the interest of the service if he remains in office. But he is not a fierce Radical, although always a Republican, and above all, his ways of thinking or acting are altogether too independent to suit his Representative in Congress, who will want friends at the next nominating convention. So his removal is asked for. On investigation the request is declined. Then renewed pressure comes from a combination of Congressmen to effect the object, and that is resisted. Finally, the Commissioner announces that he will not remove that man except for *cause*. The member is equal to the emergency. He promptly files charges against the political and personal integrity of the incumbent, and the last defence of the Commissioner being overthrown, the desired change is effected. It may be said that he ought not to yield in any event. He could only refuse to do that if he were made of adamant and was as deaf as an adder. But even then they would do as they do now, go to the Secretary or to the President and get them committed against the Commissioner if possible, and by unceasing "pushing" accomplish their ends.

Therefore, let Congress be goaded into decency and virtue as well as the President and Cabinet. From some recent expressions of Senators it may be inferred that a consciousness of their disgrace is dawning in the minds of some of them. When a Senator can go to one of the departments and earnestly press the appointment of his own son to a responsible position, and come away with enough sense of decency left to feel humiliated, and to publicly condemn the propriety of such acts, there is still hope for a reformation of the civil service. But the spark needs to be fanned and kept alive until it kindles into a flame, under the vigilant watchfulness of the Press and of public opinion. CYMON.

AMUSEMENTS.

Miscellaneous Announcements.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.

Wallack's Theatre offers the only change of performance needing immediate reference. "Caste" will be enacted at that house to-night, for the first time. Miss ROSE ETTINGE, Miss EFFIE GERMON, Miss EMILY MESTAYER, Messrs. MARLOWE, FISHER, STODDART and YOUNG all appear in Mr. ROBERTSON'S very amusing comedy.

THE MESSIS SOLEMNELLE.

The final performance of ROSSINI'S "Messe Solemnelle," which was to have occurred at Steinway Hall last evening, was deferred. It may be attended on Saturday afternoon next, at the Academy of Music. We are requested to state that the holders of seats, on application at the Academy on and after Wednesday, can receive the money paid out or fresh tickets, as they may desire.

MISS KATE FIELD'S LECTURE.

Miss KATE FIELD lectures this evening in Plymouth Church Lecture-room, Brooklyn, on "Woman in the Lyceum."

The Bill for Regulating the Preparation of Medical Prescriptions.

ALBANY, Sunday, May 2.

The following is the text of the act introduced by Mr. CARPENTER, of the Assembly, and now awaiting the Governor's signature, regulating the preparation of medical prescriptions:

SECTION 1. No person employed, or in attendance at any drug store or apothecary shop shall prepare a medical prescription unless he has served two years' apprenticeship in a drug store, or is a graduate of a medical college, or a college of pharmacy, except under the direct supervision of some person possessing one of the before-mentioned qualifications; and no person shall sell any drug or medicine as prepared, or otherwise in any store of which drugs are sold by retail, or at which medical prescriptions are put up for sale or use, permit the putting up of prescriptions therein by any person unless such person has served two years as apprentice in a retail drug store, or is a graduate of a medical college, or a college pharmacy.

SEC. 2. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding $100, or by imprisonment, not to exceed six months, in the county jail, and in case of death resulting from such violations, the person offending shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and be punished by a fine not less than $1,000, nor more than $5,000, or by imprisonment in the State Prison for a term of not less than two years, nor more than four years, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

VIRGINIA POLITICS.

The Majority Report Adopted by the Conservative State Convention.

The majority report from the Committee on Business, which was adopted by the Conservative State Convention at Richmond, Va., on Thursday, is as follows:

Whereas, The people of Virginia, by their delegates duly chosen, met in Convention in this city in the month of December, 1867, and appointed an Executive Committee to organize the counties and cities of the State, with a view to consolidate the strength of the Conservative Party; and whereas, the State Executive Committee of the City of Richmond, County superintended this, in the month of May, 1868, met in this city and nominated a State ticket for the suffrages of the people; and, whereas, said Executive Committee and people's friends have again assembled to consider the present state of affairs, and each candidate, with patriotic desires to promote the prosperity and welfare of the State, has resigned his candidacy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this meeting accept the said resignations of said candidates, and hereby expresses its high appreciation of the devotion to the best interest of this State, and of their great ability in the discharge of those duties which their candidacy imposed on them.

Resolved, That notwithstanding these accepted resignations of our nominees, we, the conservative voters of the State, are pledged to organize for the purpose of issuing such additional provisions of the Constitution framed by the late Convention as the Federal army may deem necessary to be submitted to the people, to secure the election of proper persons to the Legislature, the organization of which, in conference and co-operation with the Federal authority, and in strict accordance with the Constitution, will lead to the speedy restoration of the State to its proper relations to the Federal Government, and to the restoration of peace and prosperity to all classes of the people.

Resolved, That this Convention, while expressing its confidence in the fitness and ability of the present officers of the State, and in the necessity of their continuance in office, is not unmindful of the fact that many of the offices are filled by persons who are not in full sympathy with the people, and who, if left in office, will be apt to embarrass the action of the Legislature, and the people are therefore urged to exercise their right of suffrage in such a manner as to secure the election of such persons as will be in full accord with the people, and who will faithfully represent their interests in the Legislature.

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JOHN B. BALDWIN, A. MOSELEY,
JOHN B. HOWARD, W. HASKINS,
FAYETTE MCMULLIN, W. T. SUTHERLIN,
L. E. ANDERSON.

A Strange Case of Hydrophobia.

From the Springfield [Ill.] Journal, April 30.

A young man named JAMES FINLEY, aged about 17 years, was yesterday morning attacked with unmistakable symptoms of hydrophobia, while in the discharge of his duties in one of the hotels in this city. During the afternoon he had several paroxysms, which lasted only for a few minutes, but were of such a character as to excite the greatest alarm in the minds of his friends as to the final results. It appears that FINLEY was badly bitten in the side and leg by a dog supposed to be rabid sometime in March last. He experienced a good deal of pain in the wounds until within a few days, when he began to feel pain in the healed wound upon the leg. Little attention was paid to the matter until the terrible symptoms appeared yesterday.

TELEGRAMS.

SPAIN.

The New Constitution—All Amendments Rejected—Amnesty.

MADRID, Sunday, May 2.

In the Constituent Cortes the debate on the new Constitution has ended. All the amendments proposed have been rejected.

The Cortes has voted an amnesty for all persons who took part in the insurrection at Cadiz, Malaga and Xeres. Deputy CASTELLAR moved that the amnesty be extended to Carlists implicated in insurrectionary movements, but the motion was not agreed to.

A serious disturbance at Saragossa is apprehended. It is reported that the troops there are in a state of discontent and partial insubordination.

PARAGUAY.

President Lopez with 10,000 Men About to Take the Field.

LONDON, Sunday, May 2.

Advices from Paraguayan sources represent that President LOPEZ, with 10,000 men, is preparing to take the offensive.

The Central Pacific Railroad Finished—Proximate Completion of the Entire Overland Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, May 2.

The Central Pacific Railroad Company yesterday finished their portion of the road with the exception of two connecting links, which Governor STANFORD will lay on Friday or Saturday of the present week. A celebration of the event will be held in this city and at Sacramento, for which extensive preparations have been made.

The further survey of the Salt Lake and Columbia River Railroad has been abandoned for the present and the Surveyor has been recalled.

Governor SEYMOUR, of British Columbia, will proceed to Nootka Sound in the gunboat *Sparrow Hawk*, to thoroughly investigate the circumstances connected with the wreck of the bark *John Bright* and the murder of her crew by the Indians.

Arrived, ship *Boussals*, from Marseilles.

Church Partially Burned in Rochester.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sunday, May 2.

About 8:30 o'clock this evening, a fire was discovered in the tower of the First Presbyterian Church, in the rear of the City Hall. The tower was destroyed and the interior of the Church badly damaged before the flames were suppressed. The chapel adjoining was somewhat damaged by the tower of the church falling upon it. The fire was the work of an incendiary. The church was in process of demolition and the organ had been removed. The insurance is $10,000—more than enough to cover the loss. The church was built in 1824.

The Grain Movement in St. Louis—Sinking of a Steamer.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sunday, May 2.

WM. HYDE of the *Republican*, STILSON HUTCHINS of the *Times*, MYRON COLONG of the *Democrat*, and THOMAS RICHESON have been added to the Committee to visit New-Orleans in the interest of the grain movement. The Committee leave here to-morrow evening.

An Omaha dispatch says the steamer *Nick Wall*, from St. Louis to Fort Benton, struck a snag below Brownsville, Nebraska, and sunk. Most of the cargo will be lost.

The Mining Troubles in Pennsylvania—No More Coal to be Lifted.

SCRANTON, Penn., Sunday, May 2.

Notice was given yesterday by the miners' organizations to the coal operators of this county that no coal would be cut or loaded after May 8.

At Wyoming on Friday night the safe of J. C. SHOEMAKER & SON was blown open and robbed of $7,000 in Government and Lackawana and Bloomsburg Railroad bonds; also $300 in currency. A reward of $500 has been offered for the arrest of the burglars.

The Malpractice Case in New-Hampshire.

CONCORD, N. H., Sunday, May 2.

In the case of ORDWAY *vs.* Dr. HAYNES, for alleged malpractice, the jury agreed upon a verdict at 12 o'clock last night, after a session of thirteen hours. The verdict will be opened to-morrow morning. It is reported that the plaintiff recovers damages somewhere below $1,000. At a previous trial the jury awarded $2,200 damages.

Condition of the National Banks of New-York City.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 2.

The following is an abstract showing the condition of the fifty-six national banks in the City of New-York at the close of business on the 17th of April:

Resources.

Loans and discounts	$162,698,110 27
Overdrafts	240,745 36
United States bonds to secure circulation	42,060,450 00
United States bonds to secure deposits	1,762,000 00
United States bonds and securities on hand	7,627,950 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	1,676,776 12
Due from national banks	20,023,874 19
Due from other banks and bankers	1,361,677 76
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	7,024,168 39
Current expenses	1,271,971 73
Premiums paid	974,906 26
Clerks and other cash items	127,421,404 68
Bills of national banks	2,196,715 00
Bills of other banks	2,302 00
Fractional currency	339,561 56
Specie	6,242,441 85
Legal-tender notes	17,229,007 00
Three-per cent. certificates	21,200,000 00
Total	$426,107,943 55

Liabilities.

Capital stock	$73,992,700 00
Surplus fund	13,621,694 99
Undivided profits	9,067,823 77
National bank notes outstanding	34,198,227 00
State bank notes outstanding	352,695 00
Individual deposits	223,236,052 27
United States deposits	80,808 08
Due to national banks	23,857,695 11
Due to other banks and bankers	17,620,303 57
Total	$426,107,943 55

Printers' Strike in New-Haven.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., Sunday, May 2.

The printers of this city are on a strike, demanding from 40 to 45 cents per thousand. The employers refuse to pay the scale.

OUT-DOOR SPORTS.

Base Ball.

MATCHES TO BE PLAYED.

May 3—Powhatan *vs.* Atlantic, on the Capitoline Grounds, Brooklyn, at 3 P. M.

May 4—Mutual *vs.* Olympic, of New-York, on the Union Grounds, Brooklyn, E. D., at 3 P. M.

May 6—Alpha *vs.* Atlantic, on the Capitoline Grounds, at 3 P. M.

May 4—Excelsior Club, opening game, on the Capitoline Grounds.

May 5—Champions, of Jersey City, *vs.* Atlantic, on the Capitoline Grounds, at 3 P. M.

May 15—Princeton *vs.* Atlantic, on the Capitoline Grounds, at 3 P. M.

The season of match games is now in regular operation. On Tuesday the Harvards defeated the Lowell Club on the grounds near Harvard College, by a score of 51 to 22. Both these clubs will visit Brooklyn during the latter part of the month to play the Atlantics, Mutuals, and Eckfords.

On Tuesday, too, the Princeton Club visited Philadelphia and came within an ace of defeating the noted Athletics. Last Fall they did do so. To-day, as will be seen by the list of matches to be played, the Powhatans of South Brooklyn—a strong amateur club—will play the Excelsior Club on the Capitoline Grounds. On Tuesday the Excelsior Club will open play on the Capitoline Grounds, and the same day the Mutuals play the Olympics at Brooklyn on the Union Grounds.

The first important contest of the season will be the first match of the series to be played between the Mutual and Athletic Clubs for the championship gold ball of 1868.

The Atlantic nine, as now arranged, is as follows: FERGUSON, catcher; PRATT, pitcher; START, PIKE and SMITH, or the bases; PEARCE, short stop, and CHAPMAN, CRANE and MCDONALD, in the field; substitutes, KELLEY, ZETTLEIN and KENNEY.

The Mutual nine now includes MILLS and WOLTERS, catcher and pitcher; MILLS, FLANLY and SWANDELL, on the bases; EGGLES, short field, and HATFIELD, MCMAHON and B. HUNT, outfielders.

Cricket.

May 5—Opening game of St. George Club on ground at Hudson City.

May 10—Opening game of New-York Club, foot of Ninth-street, Hoboken.

May 13—Opening game of Manhattan Club on Hoboken Cricket Ground, foot of Ninth-street.

May 6—Willow Club Married versus Single, at Bedford.

May 7 and 8—Philadelphia versus Germantown, at Phi'adelphia.

On Wednesday the St. George Club are to open play for the season on their grounds at Hudson City, on which occasion they anticipate a pleasant day's play. The proceedings will terminate with a club dinner. The club propose to have a series of interesting amateur base ball contests on their grounds this Summer for a handsome prize.

There is no truth in the rumor of the club's bringing out another English eleven this season

THE HILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The Prizes Still in Doubt—Games Remaining to be Played.

It is almost as difficult now to predict who will win the gold-hilted and diamond-pointed cue, as it was before the tourney for its possession began. Thus far, the games played, although extremely interesting, and attracting large audiences, have been merely preliminary, the chief object being to ascertain and dispose of the weaker adversaries. The tourney will now enter upon its exciting stage, and henceforth every contest will have a direct bearing upon at least the first four of the five prizes.

RUDOLPHE has not been beaten, has made the best average in a single game, and the best general average as well; and the idea obtains, especially among those who have not noted the order in which the games have been put on, that RUDOLPHE cannot fail of acquiring the leading prize, the jeweled cue and at least $660. But as yet he has been pitted against those players only who, when the tournament opened, were presumed to be the weakest—RHINES, DANIELS, and SNYDER. He has now to encounter those who, along with him, were looked upon as the strongest of the seven—FOSTER, DEERY, and GOLDTHWAIT. As regards his average, which is but a mere fraction above DEERY'S, it is due more to a combination of fortunate circumstances than abstract skill. While the other players have been required to "bank" from twenty to thirty times (FOSTER had to "bank" thirty-one times in his three games, and fifty-four times, while in hand, has had not more than one ball outside,) RUDOLPHE has but four times been unfortunate enough to be placed in a position where, the balls being in the "string," it was necessary to play at a cushion first. Making due allowance, RUDOLPHE'S best average should be estimated at one-eighth less than twenty-five; and should he play no better than he has thus far, he will stand in imminent danger of being beaten by the three experts who are yet to cross cues with him. If anything, DEERY, who has also won all his games so far, is a little better off than RUDOLPHE, having disposed of a dangerous opponent, GOLDTHWAIT. There remain but two whom he need fear, RUDOLPHE and FOSTER. The latter's chances were greatly jeopardized by his unexpected defeat at the hands of SNYDER. To secure first prize, he has now to defeat RUDOLPHE, DEERY and GOLDTHWAIT in succession, and then will very likely have to win a second game from one of the first two. He engages GOLDTHWAIT to-night, and the result of that game will affect his chances not a little as to the first prize. Should he be beaten, he will stand equal with SNYDER for the third prize, and RUDOLPHE and DEERY will be almost certain to take first and second prizes. Of the others, GOLDTHWAIT has yet to play RHINES, SNYDER and RUDOLPHE, besides FOSTER; besides GOLDTHWAIT, SNYDER has to play DANIELS; besides SNYDER, DANIELS has to play RHINES; and, besides DANIELS, RHINES has to play DEERY and GOLDTHWAIT. Exclusive of ties, there will be ten games more. There will very likely be ties for the fourth and fifth prizes, and it may be necessary to play six additional games to decide the first prize alone.

The Naval Office.

General MERRITT, the Naval Officer of the Port of New-York, has retained CORNELL S. FRANKLIN, Esq., as Deputy, and appointed Colonel SILAS W. BURT and EDWARD DE FOREST, Esq., Deputies, *vice* JOHN J. SHAW and WILLIAM USHER, respectively. Colonel BURT has been for several years the Assistant Inspector-General of the State, and proved himself a gentleman of fine executive abilities. Mr. DE FOREST is quite a young man, a lawyer by profession, and under the administration of General P. H. JONES, the Remittitur Clerk of the Court of Appeals. The only subordinate appointments as yet announced are: A. C. Bond, D. C. Roberts, J. W. Lalor, G. E. Keyser, P. H. Wells, E. W. Thomas, James English, Robert Gardiner. The Deputies took the oath of office early Saturday morning, and entered upon their duties immediately.

The following regulations have been adopted for the guidance of those employed in the Naval Office.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, NAVAL OFFICE, May 1, 1869.

To secure the prompt discharge of public business in this office, and to that end to establish discipline and insure personal accountability, the following regulations will be in force from this date: Mr. CORNELL S. FRANKLIN, Special Deputy, will, under the direction of the Naval Officer, have general supervision of the office. Mr. EDWARD DE FOREST, Deputy, will have charge of rooms Nos. 1 and 2, embracing the entry, amendment, liquidating, manifest, debenture clerks and cashier's department. Mr. SILAS W. BURT, deputy, will have charge of the warehousing and auditing rooms. The hours for the transaction of public business will be, as established by Treasury regulations, from 9 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M., but clerks will remain on duty till 4 o'clock P. M., or until the business of the day shall be accomplished. Books will be kept in each room, wherein the clerks are expected each day to record the time of their arrival at and departure from the office. Lists of absence will be kept by the Deputies in charge of the respective bureaus, and reported to the Naval Officer. Absence without leave, unless satisfactorily explained, will be cause for immediate removal. Clerks will be assigned by the deputies in charge, to any duty within the respective bureaus as the public service may require. In the transaction of public business no favoritism or undue preference will be shown, and all complaints will be made to the Naval Officer, or in his absence to the Special Deputy in charge, to the end that prompt investigation may be instituted. Any error or irregularity in documents from the Collector's office, will be at once reported to the Naval Officer or his special Deputy by the deputy in charge where they occur. In case of collision with importers, their agents or others by any person connected with this office, whereby the revenue may be defrauded or its collection endangered, will be cause for immediate removal and such other punishment as is provided by law. Any offer of consideration to any deputy or clerk by any importer, agent or broker, to influence his official action will be promptly reported to the Naval Officer or his special Deputy. It is expected of all that during business hours, good order and temperance will be maintained, and official propriety will be strictly preserved. E. A. MERRITT,
Naval Officer.

Kings County Lunatic Asylum—Enlargements and Improvements.

In the year 1856 the County authorities of Kings County built in the town of Flatbush a Lunatic Asylum capable of accommodating some 450 patients, at a cost of $250,000. It served the purpose for which it was intended until recently, but increased population, as well as the increase of lunacy, rendered still further accommodations necessary. The Committee of the Board of Supervisors, Messrs. HOWELL, PORAN and CROPSEY, have just completed by day's work several additions to the building, so that it will now accommodate about 800 inmates. The building is of brick and five stories in height, including

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The week just closed has not been a particularly interesting one. A few good sales were made at the salesroom, but generally there was very little interest manifested, and in one or two instances the sales were discontinued.

But very little unimproved City property was offered; a fair amount of improved property was sold, located both in this City and Brooklyn. A good amount of country property was also knocked down, and several other pieces were offered, but, after a fair trial, adjourned to take place at some future day on the ground. This system is rapidly gaining in popularity, and very many sales of the kind will take place within the next two months.

The sales for the week were as follows:

New-York improved property	$311,475
New-York unimproved property	84,376
Brooklyn improved property	220,623
Brooklyn unimproved property	151,433
Country property	625,490
New-York leased property	20,000
Total for the week	$1,313,400

The sales for the previous week were:

New-York improved property	$868,625
New-York unimproved property	264,480
Brooklyn improved property	194,400
Brooklyn unimproved property	86,300
Country property	314,321
New-York leased property	33,425
Sales for the week ending April 24	$1,951,051
Total from April 1 to April 3	$672,975
Total for the week ending April 10	2,362,913
Total for the week ending April 17	1,884,466
Total for the week ending April 24	1,951,051
Total for the week ending April 30	1,313,400
Total for the month of January	2,368,731
Total for the month of February	2,175,868
Total for the month of March	14,067,214
Grand Total	$25,906,756

This statement shows a very considerable falling off in New-York unimproved property, and a very great increase in country property. The Yonkers property sold by Messrs. MULLER, WILKINS & CO. went off spiritedly and well. Some pieces of Brooklyn property also found a ready market. Out-of-town property is now most in demand, and only requires to be brought properly forward, free from all the little tricks which belong to the past days of the salesroom, to find ready purchasers and good prices.

For this week several important and interesting sales are announced. On Tuesday Messrs. E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will offer six fine building sites and two handsome plots and houses, stables, &c., located at Llewellyn Park, Orange, N. J. The place is so widely and favorably known that comment is almost superfluous. Beautifully-laid-out grounds, healthy air, good railroad communication and excellent society are its great attractions.

On Wednesday Messrs. A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. have a very extensive sale of desirable villa plots located at Montclair, Essex County, N. J. They are finely situated and have many natural advantages. The sale will take place on the grounds; previous to it a lunch will be served. Every effort will be made to make the visitors comfortable, and, if the weather is good, a very pleasant day and successful sale may be expected. Maps and free passes may be had at the office of the auctioneers, No. 77 Cedar-street, or at the office of Mr. S. W. TUBBS, No. 71 Broadway.

The same day, at the salesroom, Mr. JAMES M. MILLER has a peremptory sale of 450 choice lots fronting 2,500 feet on Central-avenue, being part of the estate of LORING ANDREWS, Esq. The property is delightfully located, and as the terms of sale are quite liberal, and no fancy prices are expected, a satisfactory sale may be fairly anticipated.

Other sales of minor importance will take place, the particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns.

To-day will be a sort of day of rest. Messrs. MULLER, WILKINS & CO. will sell the seven years' lease of the four-story brown-stone house on the northeast corner of Fifth-avenue and Twenty-sixth-street. To morrow they will sell the house No. 104 West Forty-sixth-street and the house No. 239 West Twenty-second-street. The same day Messrs. BLEECKER & CO. will sell valuable property on Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth streets, and at Greenpoint, L. I. Mr. JAS. M. MILLER will sell 18 lots of land west side of Cole-avenue, twelve lots of land east side of Cole-avenue, and eleven lots of land on the east side of Kingsbridge road, all located at Fordham, N. Y. The property is well located on high ground, with splendid view of the surrounding country, where costly improvements are being made, within five minutes' walk of the Harlem Railroad depot at Fordham, where trains leave every hour in the day for the City; also five minutes' walk of horse cars to the Third-avenue bridge and Harlem cars on the Third-avenue to the Astor House. The sales possess points of interest to all property owners. The market now is moderately firm at fair prices; if the sales of this week are good, they will have a particularly healthful effect on it, and very many interested parties are anxiously looking forward to them.

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK.

Allen-st., No. 155, 25x87.6 ..... $20,000
Bedford-st., No. 13, 20x100.5 10,000
Bedford-st., s. e. corner of Downing-st., 40x54 20,000
Bond-st., s. s., lot known as No. 27, 26x114.6 70,000
Bowery, No. 12, 22x100 24,500
Broad-st., s. s., 21.5 ft. e. of Pearl-st., 22.10x28.11 36,000
Broome-st., n. s., 50 ft. w. of Columbia-st., 75x87.6 26,000
Broome-st., n. s., 75 ft. w. of Pitt-st., 25x100 12,000
Broome-st., s. s., 40 ft. e. of Sheriff-st., 20x80 6,000
Broome-st., n. e. cor. of Attorney-st., 25x80 13,500
Broome-st., No. 421, 25x110 26,000
Cedar-st., No. 17, 26.8x87.2½ 20,000
Chrystie-st., s. s., 113.6½ ft. w. of Montgomery-st., 20.8x56.9 7,000
Columbia-st., s. s., lot known as No. 77, 25x100 8,500
Delancey-st., n. s., 87.6 ft. e. of Ludlow-st., 21.10½ x100 19,000
Delancey-st., lot 19 ft. e. of Christie-st., 24.1x90 25,000
East Broadway, s. s. cor. of Clinton-st., 24.1x90 25,000
Elizabeth-st., e. s., 114.4 ft. n. of Prince-st., 40x33 31,500
Forsyth-st., No. 66, 22x100 17,000
Forsyth-st., w. s., lot of Smith's estate, 24x100 18,000
Franklin-st., s. s., 120 ft. e. of Greenwich-st., 20x70 10,000
Gouverneur-st., w. s., 40 ft. s. of Madison-st., 24.6x92.6 12,000
Greenwich-st., w. s., 62 ft. s. of Perry-st., 21x77.4 18,250
Greenwich-lane, w. s., 107.4 ft. n. of Amos-st., 21.8x44.6 15,000
Horatio-st., n. s., 69 ft. w. of Washington-st., 22x95.11 8,500
Houston-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 2d-av., 22x95 22,000
Jacob-st., w. s., 74.1 ft. s. of Frankfort-st., 20x100.1 41,000
Madison-st., No. 186, 25x100 14,100
Madison-st., s. s., lot known as No. 473 of Rutgers estate, 25x100 6,000
Moore-st., No. 12, 22x37.9 11,000
Naegle-av., 130 ft. n. of Ellwood-st., 100x231.11 3,000
Nassau-st., w. s., 20.5 ft. s. of Maiden-lane, 15.6½ x49.10 20,000
Pearl-st., No. 45, 21x153.9 20,000
Rivington-st., s. s., 70 ft. e. of Clinton-st., 20x100 12,500
Washington-st., e. s., 48.8 ft. s. of Bank-st., 26x91 16,500
Water-st., No. 85, 21.2x35.5 34,000
Water-st., s. s., 87.6 ft. e. of Burling-slip, 20.6x28 25,000
Water-st., No. 474, 22.6x42.7½ 5,500
Water-st., w. s., 100 ft. n. of Leight-st., 24.6 x122. 18,000
White-st., No. 8, 20x75 17,000
4th-st., s. s., 20 ft. e. of Wooster-st., 20x50 12,000
4th-st., No. 247 W., 22.6x76.7 12,000
5th-st., s. s., lot 19 ft. 6 in. w. of Avenue A, 19.6x100 18,500
5th-st., No. 227, 25x97 20,000
6th-st., n. s., 244.3 ft. e. of 1st-av., 21.10½x90.10½ 14,500
6th-st., n. s., 239 ft. e. of 2d-av., 20x81.9 17,250
8th-st., n. s., 135 ft. e. of 1st-av., 27.6x112.10 25,000
18th-st., s. s., 190 ft. e. of 9th-av., 22x92.6 22,000
18th-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 9th-av., 20.6x100.5 18,000
141st-st., s. s., 88 ft. e. of 7th-av., 22x100 20,000
141st-st., s. s., 25.6 ft. e. of 2d-av., 19.6x81.6 17,500
145th-st., s. s., between 6th and 9th avs., lots known as Nos. 260 and 262, 75x124.6 43,500
162d-st., No. 226 W., 20x100 4,000
171st-st., s. s., 312.3 ft. e. of Avenue B, 100x22 21,000
21st-st., n. s., 164 ft. e. of 6th-av., 100.5x98.9 60,000
22d-st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of 3d-av., 20x98.9 13,000
22d-st., n. s., 135.6 ft. e. of 4th-av., 20.6x110 22,500
25th-st., s. s., 180 ft. w. of 6th-av., 20x82.2 15,000
25th-st., s. s., lot known as No. 155 of Bellevue lots, 25x98.9 11,500
29th-st., s. s., 196.10 ft. w. of 7th-av., 16.8x98.9 12,200
29th-st., s. s., 260 ft. e. of 6th-av., 22x98.9 30,500
29th-st., s. s., 272 ft. e. of 6th-av., 22x98.9 28,000
30th-st., s. s., 172.6 ft. e. of 6th-av., 24.6x98.9 26,000
31st-st., n. s., 81 ft. w. of 2d-av., 19x74.4 15,200
36th-st., s. s., 125 ft. w. of Lexington-av., 25x98.9 22,500
36th-st., s. s., 352 ft. e. of 6th-av., 22x98.9 30,000
37th-st., s. s., 147 ft. e. of 6th-av., 22x98.9 26,000
37th-st., s. s., 19 ft. w. of Lexington-av., 18.8x94.1 22,750
37th-st., n. s., 150 ft. e. of Madison-av., 22x98.9 60,000
37th-st., n. s., 300 ft. e. of 6th-av., 22x98.9 27,000
38th-st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of Lexington-av., 19x98.9 15,000
38th-st., s. s., 140 ft. w. of 6th-av., 20x98.9 12,500
38th-st., s. s., 240 ft. e. of Madison-av., 24x98.9 36,000
39th-st., s. s., 125 ft. e. of Madison-av., 25x98.9 30,000
40th-st., s. s., 125 ft. e. of 6th-av., 25x98.9 25,000
41st-st., n. s., 300.4 ft. w. of 6th-av., 20x98.9 30,000
43d-st., n. s., 152 ft. w. of 6th-av., 20x100.5 30,250
43d-st., n. s., 254.8 ft. e. of 7th-av., 20x100.5 25,000
43d-st., s. s., 216.8 ft. w. of 10th-av., 18.6x200.5 6,700
43d-st., n. s., 362.6 ft. e. of 10th-av., 18.6x100.5 16,250
44th-st., n. s., 175 ft. e. of 8th-av., 25x100.5 28,000
44th-st., n. s., 150 ft. e. of 9th-av., 25x100.5 30,000
45th-st., n. s., 200 ft. w. of 8th-av., 37x100.5 37,000
46th-st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of Lexington-av., 20x100.5 28,500
46th-st., n. s., 120 ft. e. of 7th-av., 19.6x100.5 30,000
46th-st., n. s., 225 ft. e. of 7th-av., 18.6x100.5 30,000
47th-st., s. s., 362.6 ft. e. of 7th-av., 18.9x100.5 16,750
47th-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 5th-av., 20x100.5 30,000
48th-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 7th-av., 18x100.5 16,000
48th-st., n. s., 387.6 ft. w. of 8th-av., 18.9x100.5 17,000
51st-st., s. s., 277.3 ft. e. of 8th-av., 17.4x98.10½ 11,000
52d-st., n. s., 270.8 ft. w. of 6th-av., 20x100.5 9,500
53d-st., s. s., 127.6 ft. w. of 6th-av., 18.8x100.5 17,500
54th-st., n. s., 210 ft. e. of Madison-av., 22x100.5 26,000
56th-st., n. s., 240 ft. e. of 2d-av., 20x100.5 10,000
56th-st., n. s., 240 ft. e. of 3d-av., 20x100.5 19,000
60th-st., s. s., 260 ft. e. of 4th-av., 20x100.5 29,500
62d-st., s. s., 255 ft. w. of 2d-av., 20x70 17,000
68th-st., s. s., 150 ft. e. of 10th-av., 60x100.5 7,200
69th-st., s. s., 220 ft. e. of 10th-av., 20x100.5 25,000
78th-st., s. s., 190 ft. w. of 1st-av., 25x102.2 7,750
78th-st., s. s., 250 ft. w. of 1st-av., 20x102.2 8,000
85th-st., s. s., 200 ft. w. of 10th-av., 50x75 13,000
111th-st., n. s., 120 ft. w. of 3d-av., 24x100 7,500
113th-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 2d-av., 20x76.8x irr. 1,500

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11262-st., n. s., 125 ft. w. of 4th-av., 100x1x block 4,000
11263-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 3d-av., 20x1x block 14,000
11264-st., n. s., 200 ft. e. of 4th-av., 20x1x block 11,000
11265-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 3d-av., 20x1x block 12,000
11266-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of Avenue A, 25x100.11 6,100
11267-st., n. s., 75 ft. e. of 4th-av., 25x100.11 7,500
11268-st., n. s., 200 ft. e. of 4th-av., 25x100.11 8,000
11269-st., n. s., 225 ft. e. of 4th-av., 25x100.11 8,000
11270-st., n. s., 250 ft. e. of 4th-av., 25x100.11 14,000
11271-st., n. s., 275 ft. e. of 4th-av., 25x100.11 14,000
11272-st., n. s., 300 ft. e. of 4th-av., 25x100.11 14,000
11273-st., n. s., 325 ft. e. of 4th-av., 25x100.11 14,000
Avenue B, c. s., 20.3 1-3 ft. n. of 6th-st., 20.3 7-3x irr. 15,500
Avenue C, s. s., 20.3 1-3 ft. n. of 6th-st., 20.3 7-3x irr. 15,500
12th-av., s. s., 75.11 ft. s. of 11th-st., 12.9x94. 13,200
12th-av., w. s., 75 ft. s. of 23d-st., 25x100 10,500
2d-av., n. e. corner of 11th-st., 16x100.10 125,000
3d-av., w. s., 116.6 ft. n. of 29th-st., 16.10½ x100 12,000
6th-av., s. s., corner of 35th-st., 24.6x99.11 41,500
7th-av., n. w. corner of 55th-st., 98.8x100 50,000
8th-av., s. s., 60.11 ft. w. of 125th-st., 50x100 9,000
9th-av., w. s., 60.5 ft. n. of 42d-st., 20x67 17,000
9th-av., s. e. corner of 47th-st., 80.2½ x100 18,000

Leases Recorded.

Broadway, No. 497, 3 years, per year $11,500
Mercer-st., No. 32, 3 years, per year 600
Broadway, n. w. corner of Spring-st., 20 years, per year 20,000
Broadway, No. 566, 4 years, per year 6,000
Canal-st., No. 7, 3 years, per year 4,000
Lexington-av., n. e. corner of 40th-st., 10 years, per year 3,650

KINGS COUNTY.

Brooklyn.

Adams-st., w. s., 150 ft. n. of Johnson-st., 25x114.6 ..... $8,500
Amity-st., s. s., 175 ft. e. of Clinton-st., 25x100 12,500
Amity-st., s. s., 175 ft. w. of Court-st., 25x100 12,500
Amity-st., s. s., 175 ft. w

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Favorite Clyde-built passenger Steamers, are intended to sail as follows:

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and each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate WEDNESDAY hereafter, from Pier No. 20 North River, at 12 o'clock, noon.

RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.

Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $90 and $75. Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $160.
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Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.
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BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

SIBERIA.....WEDNESDAY.....May 5
SCOTIA.....WEDNESDAY.....May 12
CHINA.....SATURDAY.....May 15
CUBA.....WEDNESDAY.....May 19
AUSTRALASIAN.WEDNESDAY.....May 26
RUSSIA.....WEDNESDAY.....June 2

Passage money payable in gold.
Cabin.....$130 | Second Cabin.....$80
Cabin to Paris.....$145
No steerage passengers carried.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables, unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent; and for Mediterranean ports.
For freight or passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

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The splendid vessels on this favorite route to the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:

LAFAYETTE.....ROUSSAU...SATURDAY, May 15
ST. LAURENT.....LEMARIE...SATURDAY, May 29
VILLE DE PARIS.SURMONT.SATURDAY, June 12

Rates of passage payable in gold, (wine included:)
TO BREST OR HAVRE, First cabin, $140; second cabin, $85.
TO PARIS, including railway ticket, $145 and $88.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
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BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.

FROM NEW-YORK EVERY THURSDAY.

PALMYRA.....May 6|MARATHON.....May 20
HECLA.....May 13|SAMARIA.....May 27

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK.
Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$30 Currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.
For freight or passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.
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STEAM TO LIVERPOOL.

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From Pier No. 46 North River, WEDNESDAY.

IDAHO, (new,) 3,000 tons.....May 5, at 2 P. M.
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Saloon and state Rooms all on Deck.
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DENMARK, CATO, WEDNESDAY May 5, at 12 M.
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Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100 and $75; Steerage, $30, currency.
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CITY OF LIMERICK.
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RATES OF PASSAGE:

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(via Halifax).....Tuesday, May 4, 12 M.
CITY OF BALTIMORE } Saturday, May 8, 1 P. M.
and CITY OF BOSTON }
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, May 15, 9 A.M.
CITY OF CORK,
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And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

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BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.

PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
First Cabin.....$100		Steerage.....$35	
To London..... 105		To London..... 40	
To Paris..... 115		To Paris..... 47	

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FIRST CABIN. PAYABLE IN GOLD.		STEERAGE. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
Liverpool.....	$80	Liverpool.....	$30
Halifax.....	20	Halifax.....	10
St. John's, N. F., by Branch Steamer...}	45	St. John's N. F., by Branch Steamer...}	30

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Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

First Cabin. Outside.	Inside.	Second Cabin.	Steerage.
$275	$225	$150	$75

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Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,
ON 1ST, 11TH AND 21ST, EACH MONTH,
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One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
MAY 11.—ALASKA, Capt A. G. GRAY, connecting with MONTANA, Capt. FARNSWORTH.
Steamer leaving May 11 connects closely with steamer CHINA, leaving San Francisco June 4 for China and Japan.
NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.—Freight for steamer ALASKA received until 4 P. M. on MONDAY, May 10. All usual facilities afforded shippers in collecting inland charges, &c.
For freight or passage tickets and all further information, apply at the Company's ticket office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st. F. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAM SHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month:
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKLEPAUGH, May 23
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. GEO. B. SLOCUM, June 23.
MERRIMACK, Capt. W. WIER, July 23.

These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to
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U. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.

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Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P.M. precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.

CAHAWBA, Capt. E. V. ARA SICS.....May 6
EAGLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE.....May 13
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. R. ADAMS, (via Nassau,) For freight or passage apply to.....May 20
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No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA. SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.

New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line, from Pier No. 17 East River, at 12 M.

The splendid new steamers
CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. DRAKEN.....May 8
CLEOPATRA, Capt. PHILLIPS.....May 29
For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDRE & SONS. No. 33 Broadway.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

THE CROMWELL LINE.

Steamships of this Line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:

MARIPOSA.....KEMBLE..Saturday, May 8.
GEO. CROMWELL.....VAIL...Saturday, May 15.

Freight taken for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at through rates. For passage, first and second class, or freight, apply to
R. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 86 West-st.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.,

CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS,
ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S steamer MORRO CASTLE, Captain ADAMS, THURSDAY, May 20, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
For freight or passage, apply to
S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President.
No. 5 Bowling-green.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one; their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passports, examination and conveyance of luggage; in securing the best accommodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition, and an infinity of annoyances to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Steady, sober and trustworthy couriers and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, April 27, 1869.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT WILL offer for sale the iron prize steamer MEMPHIS as she now lies at the U. S. Navy-yard, New-York, on the 6th day of May next, at 12 o'clock M.
The vessel and her inventory can be examined at any time on application to the commandant of that yard.
The whole amount of the purchase money must be paid at the time of the adjudication, and the vessel must be removed from the Navy-yard within ten days from the day of sale.
GUSTAVUS V. FOX,
Secretary of the Navy.

SHIPPING.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA., AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE STEAMSHIPS, AND CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA.

Three times a week,
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS.
The steamships
VIRGO, Capt. BULKLEY, TUESDAY, May 4, from Pier No. 16 East River at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
Nos. 61 and 62 South-st.
GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MORTON, THURSDAY, May 6, from Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M.

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 88 Liberty-st.
SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, May 8, from Pier No. 8 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.
HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, SATURDAY, May 15, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 63 West-st.

FOR MOBILE,

VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.

The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the steamer
ALABAMA, Captain LIMEBURNER,
On SATURDAY, May 8, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Warren-st. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile. Is now receiving. Insurance guaranteed at one and a half per cent. to Mobile. Through rates and bills of lading given to Selma, Montgomery, and all points in the interior at lower rates than any other line.
Has splendid cabin accommodations for passengers going to Florida or the Gulf ports.
For freight or passage, apply to
J. F. PATTERSON, Agent.
No. 177 West-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS, THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.—REGULAR LINE.—The fast and popular steamship SARATOGA, C. RYDER, Commander, will sail WEDNESDAY, May 5, at 3 P.M., from Pier No. 8 North River. Through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest. Agents in Charleston (RAVENEL & CO.) forward all goods free of commission.
The steamship MAGNOLIA will sail May 12.
ARTHUR LEARY, Agent, No. 73 William-st.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—Official passports of the Department of State issued by A. C. WILLMARTH, United States District Clerk's office, No. 41 Chambers-st.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—United States passports, indispensable to travelers, sued by J.B. NONES, Passport Agent, 262 Broadway

STEAMBOATS.

NARRAGANSET STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR BOSTON, VIA NEWPORT AND FALL RIVER.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE BRISTOL AND FALL RIVER LINES.

THE LARGEST AND MOST MAGNIFICENT STEAMERS IN THE WORLD.

BRISTOL, Captain BRAYTON,	PROVIDENCE, Captain SIMMONS.
MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS.	TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS.

Will leave Pier No. 28, North River, foot of Murray-st., DAILY, at 5 P. M.

A NEW AND CONVENIENT FEATURE OF THIS LINE. RUNNING A BOAT ON SUNDAY AT SAME HOUR.

By this route passengers can take train from Newport at 4 A. M., and arrive in Boston at 6 A. M., in time to connect with all northern and eastern trains; or rest undisturbed, breakfast on board and take 7:45 A. M. train and arrive in Boston at early business hours. JAMES FISK, Jr., Managing Director.
M. R. SIMONS,
CHAS. H. VAILE, General Superintendent.
General Passenger Agent, Pier 28 North River.

STONINGTON LINE.

TO BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE.

GREAT INSIDE ROUTE—SHORTEST AND MOST DIRECT.

Fare always as low as by any other line.
The new and elegant Side-wheel steamers
STONINGTON and NARRAGANSETT.
Capt. WM. M. JONES. Capt. GEO. B. HULL.
From Pier No. 33, foot of Jay-st., North River, at 5 P. M.

Arriving ahead of all other lines.
Tickets sold and state-rooms secured at the principal hotels, at No. 2 Astor House, and at Dodd's Express office, No. 944 Broadway. D. S. BABCOCK, President Stonington Steamboat Company.

PEOPLE'S LINE FOR ALBANY.

THE LARGEST AND MOST MAGNIFICENT RIVER STEAMERS IN THE WORLD,
THE ST. JOHN, DREW AND DEAN RICHMOND.

One of the above steamers will leave Pier No. 41 North River EVERY AFTERNOON (Sunday's excepted) at 6 o'clock, arriving at Albany in time to connect with railroad trains West and North. Returning, leave the Albany Steamboat Landing at 7 o'clock P. M., or on the arrival of connecting trains from the West and North. Through tickets can be obtained at the office on the wharf, and baggage checked to its destination. Freight received until the hour of departure.

TROY LINE FOR ALBANY AND TROY.—Low fare and cheap traveling on the fastest evening steamers connecting the West and North with New-York; only $1 50, being $1 75 less than rail, and 75 cents cheaper than any other line. The VANDERBILT or CONNECTICUT will leave Pier No. 44 North River, foot of Spring-st., EVERY EVENING, Saturdays excepted, at 6 o'clock, connecting with New-York Central and Hudson River and Susquehanna Railroad for the West, and Rensselaer and Saratoga Railroad for the North. Returning, leave Troy at 6 and Albany at 8 o'clock P. M., or on the arrival of the evening trains. Through tickets sold, and baggage checked to all points. Sundays, fare $2.

THE STEAMER SEA BIRD WILL leave New-York, foot of Warren-st., for Shrewsbury and Long Branch,

AS FOLLOWS:

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Saturday, May 1, 11 A. M.	Monday, May 3, 10 A. M.
Tuesday, May 4, 10 A. M.	Tuesday, May 4, 2 P. M.
Wed'sday, May 5, 11 A. M.	Wed'sday, May 5, 2 P. M.
Thursday, May 6, 3 P. M.	Friday, May 7, 3:30 P.M.
Saturday, May 8, 3:30 P. M.	Monday, May 10, 7 A. M.

FOR EXCURSION AND PICNIC PARTIES.—The large, first-class steamboat SLEEPY HOLLOW, unsurpassed for speed and comfort. Also, Dudley's Grove, Myers' Grove, Alderney Park and Raritan Beach Grove, barges WALTER SANDS, WILLIAM MYERS, WILLIAM J. HASKETT and MERCHANT, with steamboats of all kinds. For choice of days apply early at the office of J. & E. MYERS, on board of barge IRENE, foot of Morton-st

NEW-YORK, April 28, 1869.

STEAMER ARMENIA WILL COMMENCE running in place of steamer MARY POWELL, SATURDAY, May 1, 1869, for Cozzens', West Point, Cornwall, Newburg, Milton, Poughkeepsie and Rondout, leaving pier foot of Desbrosses-st. every afternoon at 3:30. The POWELL will occupy the route as soon as refitted.

FOR GLEN COVE AND ROSLYN—LANDING at White Stone, Baylis' Dock, (Ft. Schuyler,) Gt. Neck, Sands' Pt., Mott's Dock and Glenwood.—Str. Seawanhaka leaves Peck-slip every afternoon (Sundays excepted) at 4. Commutation tickets $30 for 3 months. Packages of tickets and transient fares greatly reduc'd. A morning boat from N. Y. will be put on early in June.

STEAMER D. R. MARTIN, FOR Huntington, Cold Spring, Oyster Bay and Bayville, daily at 4:15 P. M. from Pier No. 14 East River, first below Wall-st., touching at 37th-st. at 4:30. Fare to 37th-st. 10c., to all other landings 50c. Barney & Searing's Huntington and Oyster Bay Express on board.

D. D. T. SMITH'S STEAMBOAT Line for Yonkers, Tarrytown, Nyack, Haverstraw, Peekskill and intermediate landings, daily, at 3:30, 4 and 4:30 P. M., from Harrison-st., Pier No. 34 North River. Office on Pier. E. LANE, Agent.

FOR BRIDGEPORT, AND POINTS on Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroads, &c.—Fare $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon and 3:30 P. M.; leave 34th-st., East River, at 3:40 P. M.

FOR NORWALK AND DANBURY.—The steamer NELLY WHITE leaves daily foot of Market-st., at 2:45, and 34th-st. at 3 P. M.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, &c.—Fare $1. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

YONKERS FERRY WILL LEAVE from Franklin-st., Pier No. 35, on MAY 1, at 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT—CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK.—MICHAEL COLLINS, an infant, by HENRY COOPER, his guardian, plaintiff, against MARGARET MCMAHON, TERENCE MCMAHON, JOHN J. PURCELL, JOHN CHESTER and WILLIAM BEECHWELL, defendants.—Summons amended.—For relief.—(Com. not served.)—To the defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the amended complaint in this action, which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall in said City, on the 30th day of March, 1869, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said amended complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 164 Nassau-st., in said City, within twenty days after the service of this summons, you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated New-York, March 25, 1869.
P. SHERMAN SMITH, Plaintiff's Attorney.
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ANONYMOUS.—PLEASE ADDRESS GEO. A. LITTLE, Rutherford Park, N. J.

MARBLE MANTELS.

MARBLE AND MARBLEIZED MANTELS, rich and elegant designs. Over 800 mantels on hand at A. KLAER'S, Nos. 134 and 136 East 13th-st., near 3d-av. Price list on application. Cut this out.

MARBLEIZED SLATE, DECORATED marble and marble mantels, rich and elegant designs. T. B. STEWART & CO., No. 605 6th-av., between 35th and 36th sts.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

WATCH AND JEWELRY ESTABLISHment, for sale of 20 years' standing, in one of the best business localities of the City; has a good dwelling attached; a three years' lease from 1st May at a low rent; the store is well known and has a good trade attached; satisfactory reasons for selling. For full particulars and terms of sale apply to QUINCHE & KRUGLER, Nos. 8 and 10 John-st., up stairs.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CARPET PAPER.

A prepared paper to put under carpets, one and a quarter yards wide, SOFT and THICK, and only FIVE CENTS per yard.
MANAHAN & MILLER,
No. 10 Spruce-st., New-York.

CONSULTATIONS FREE IN ALL CASES of chronic diseases. Invalids may call or communicate by mail, Dr. E. B. FOOTE, author of "Medical Common Sense," No. 120 Lexington-av., corner East 28th-st. Office hours from 10 A. M. till 4 P. M.

RAILROADS.

OVERLAND TO CALIFORNIA.

GREAT REDUCTION IN TIME.

ONLY ONE DAY'S STAGING BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO.

SEVEN DAYS TRAVEL FROM THE MISSOURI RIVER TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

For through tickets and full particulars apply to
WELLS FARGO & CO.,
No. 84 Broadway.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.

Leave James-slip: 8 A. M., Mail train for Northport and Greenport; 10:30 A. M., for Roslyn, Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Huntington and Northport; 3:30 P. M., Greenport Express; 4:30 P. M., for Roslyn, Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Huntington, Northport and Yaphank; 5:30 P. M., for Roslyn, Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Huntington and Northport; 7 P. M., for Jamaica and Hempstead. All trains connect with branch for Hempstead. Sunday trains for Roslyn, Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Huntington and Northport leaves Hunter's Point at 9 A. M. and 6 P. M.
L. D. BARTON, Superintendent.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD.

CHANGE OF TIME.

MONDAY, April 26, 1869, Express trains will leave 26th-st. and 4th-av. at 7 A. M. and 4 P. M., for Albany, Troy, Pittsfield, &c., and Chatham Mail train will leave at 10 A. M., and Pawling train at 4:15 P. M.
NEW-YORK, April 22, 1869. JOHN B. BUCKHOUT, Supt., &c.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry, as follows, viz:

8 A. M. Day Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South.
8:30 A. M. Way Train, daily, for Greycourt and intermediate stations.
10 A. M. Express Mail, for Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati and all points West and South.
11:30 A. M. Way Train, daily, for Port Jervis and intermediate stations.
3:30 P. M. Way Train, for Middletown and intermediate stations.
4:30 P. M. Way Express, stopping only at Sterling Junction, Turner's, and stations west of Turner's, (except Oxford,) to Newburg, Warwick, Montgomery, Unionville and Port Jervis.
5 P. M. Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
5:30 P. M. Night Express, for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South.
6 P. M. Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
6:30 P. M. Night Express, daily, for all points West and South. By this train sleeping coaches will run through to Buffalo, Rochester, Cleveland and Cincinnati, without change.
8 P. M. Emigrant Train, daily, for the West.
10:45 P. M. Way Train, daily, for Suffern and intermediate stations.
Also Way Trains for Paterson and intermediate stations at 6:45 and 9:15 A. M., 12 M., and 1:45, 4, 6:45 and 11:30 P. M.
For Hackensack, at 9 A. M., 12 M. and 4, 5, 6 and 6:45 P. M.

SUNDAY TRAINS.—8:30 A.M. Way Train for Greycourt; 11:30 A. M. for Port Jervis; 1:45 P. M. for Paterson; 6:30 P. M. Night Express, for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South; 8 P. M. Emigrant and Way Train; 10:45 P.M., for Suffern.
Express Trains, accompanied by new and improved Day and Night Coaches, run through to Buffalo, Rochester, Dunkirk, Cleveland and Cincinnati without change, and in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.
Tickets can be obtained, and orders for the checking and transfer of baggage may be left at the Company's offices, Nos. 241, 957 (corner 23d-st.) and 233 and Broadway, depot foot of Chambers-st., New-York; also at Long Dock Depot, Jersey City.
WM. R. BARR, H. RIDDLE,
Gen'l Pass. Agent. Gen'l Sup't.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—Trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, leave New-York as follows: Cincinnati and Chicago Express, 8 A. M.; Chicago Express, 10:45 A. M.; Montreal Express, 4 P. M.; Pacific Express, 6:30 P. M.; Night Express, 11 P. M. Elegant drawing-room cars attached to all day trains, and sleeping cars to all night trains. The 6:30 P. M. train runs on Sundays.
APRIL 26, 1869. WM. H. VANDERBILT, V. Prest.

SOUTHSIDE RAILROAD OF LONG ISLAND.—Leave Roosevelt-st. Ferry, New-York, 8:30 A. M.; mail train, 3:15 P. M.; express for Sayville, Patchogue, &c., 4:15 P. M.; accommodation for Islip and 6:30 P. M. for Jamaica. Leave Islip, 6:30 A. M., accommodation, and Sayville, 7:30 A. M. and 12:50 mail. Leave Jamaica, 7:30, 8:35, 9:30 A. M. and 3:09 P. M.
R. WHITE, Superintendent.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains will leave New-York by the Pavonia Ferry, foot of Chambers-st., as follows: At 9 A. M., 1:45, 5:15 and 6:30 P. M. And on Saturdays, only 12, midnight. The 1 and 4:15 P. M. run through to Monsey Nov. 2, 1868. THOS. W. DEMAREST, Supt.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR ENVELOPES.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, April 5, 1869.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until May 31, at 3 o'clock P. M., for furnishing envelopes for the official use of Postmasters during a period of two years from the 1st of July, 1869. The estimated number of envelopes that will be required annually is as follows:

Class No. 1, 1,000,000, more or less, 3¼ by 5½ inches.
Class No. 2, 4,000,000, more or less, 3½ by 5½ inches.
Class No. 3, 750,000, more or less, 3½ by 6¾ inches.
Class No. 4, 250,000, more or less, 4 by 9 inches.
Class No. 5, 300,000, more or less, 4 by 10½ inches.

For Class No. 1, an ordinary quality of buff or yellow paper will answer. The other classes to be made from red, buff, green and blue or orange colored paper, as may be required, of approved quality.

All the above-described envelopes must be made in the most thorough manner, well gummed for sealing upon the entire length of the flap, and must have such printing upon the face as may be directed by the Postmaster-General. They must be banded in parcels of twenty-five, packed in pasteboard or straw boxes; each to contain not less than 250 envelopes of letter size, and 100 each of extra letter, official, and extra official sizes, separately, or otherwise, as may be required; the boxes to be wrapped in strong paper, so as to bear transportation by forward delivery to Postmasters. When required to be delivered at the Department, such wrapping will be dispensed with.

When 3,000 or more envelopes are required to fill the order of a Postmaster, they must be put up in strong wooden boxes and properly addressed; but when less than 3,000 are required, proper labels of direction must be placed on each package. The contractor; the whole to be done under the direction of an agent of the Department.

The envelopes must be furnished in such quantities as may from time to time be required to fill orders of Postmasters or by the Department, and be delivered either at the Post Office in the city where the accepted bidder resides, or at the envelope agency, or at this Department, as the Postmaster-General may direct, free of cost for packing.

Bids are also invited for 60,000 envelopes, more or less, made from the best grade of white or buff paper, 4 by 8 9-10 inches, and to be printed in the manner prescribed by the Department, for use in the Dead Letter Office and at the Stamped Envelope Agency in the City of New-York. These envelopes, to be delivered in good order, free of cost for packing, both at the Agency in New-York and to the Department at Washington, D. C., in quantities as from time to time may be ordered.

Separate proposals will be considered for furnishing 750,000, more or less, annually, of "Registered Package Envelopes," 5 by 10½ inches, made from heavy buff or Manilla paper, with such printing on the face as may be required by the Postmaster-General, and STRIPED BOTH ACROSS THE FACE AND BACK, LENGTHWISE, IN RED, in the same form as the contractor; the whole to be done under the direction of an agent of the Department.

All envelopes embraced in this advertisement required for delivery at the Department are to be conveyed as freight, free of cost for transportation, those for delivery to Postmasters to pass as mail matter.

The first delivery of envelopes specified above to be made on or about the 1st of July next.

Specimens of the different kinds of envelopes for which proposals are invited may be seen on application at the principal Post Offices, or at the Department.

Bidders are required to furnish specimens of the envelopes they propose to supply; and no bid will be considered unless offered by envelope manufacturers, accompanied by satisfactory guarantees.

The price bid and the quality of samples submitted will be taken into consideration in awarding the contract.

Bonds will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and all payments under it will be made quarterly.

The Postmaster-General reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if deemed compatible with the public interests.

Bids must be indorsed "Proposals for Office and Returned Letter Envelopes," &c.; or "Proposals for Registered Package Envelopes," as the case may be, and addressed to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General.
JOHN A. J. CRESWELL,
Postmaster-General.

CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT.—TO CONTRACTORS.—Separate sealed proposals, each indorsed with the title of the work to which it relates, the name of the person offering the same and the date of its presentation, will be received at this office (Rotunda Park) until 11 o'clock A. M. of SATURDAY, May 8, 1869, for the construction of stone-block pavements in the following streets, viz.:

SPECIFICATION 1.—In 50th-st., between 6th and 7th avs.
SPECIFICATION 2.—In Avenue A, between Houston and 14th sts.
SPECIFICATION 3.—In 54th-st., between 2d-av. and East River.
SPECIFICATION 4.—In 99th-st., between 6th-av. and Broadway.
SPECIFICATION 5.—In 44th-st., between 5th and 6th avs.
SPECIFICATION 6.—In 55th-st., between 5th and 6th avs.
SPECIFICATION 7.—In 26th-st., between 6th and 8th avs.
SPECIFICATION 8.—In 20th-st., between 6th and 10th avs.
SPECIFICATION 9.—In Thomas-st., between Church and Hudson sts.
SPECIFICATION 10.—In 70th-st., between 3d and 4th avs.
SPECIFICATION 11.—In 60th-st., between Lexington and 5th avs.
SPECIFICATION 12.—In 17th-st., between 6th-av. and Broadway.
SPECIFICATION 13.—In 18th-st., between 6th and 8th avs.

Plans of these works may be seen, and specifications and forms for the bids obtained, on application to the Contract Clerk at this office.

THOMAS STEPHENS, } Croton
ROBT. L. DARRAGH, } Aqueduct
GEORGE S. GREENE, } Board.

NEW-YORK, April 26, 1869.

CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT.—Separate sealed proposals, each indorsed with the title of the work to which it relates, the name of the bidder and the date of its presentation, will be received at this office until 11 o'clock A. M. of SATURDAY, May 14, 1869, for the construction of stone-block pavements as follows, viz.: In Prince-st., from Broadway to the Bowery, and in 26th-st., from 3d-av. to East River, and also for the laying of a crosswalk across West-st. to Pier No. 5 North River. Plans of these works may be seen, and specifications and forms for bids obtained on application to the contract clerk at this office.

THOMAS STEPHENS,
ROBERT L. DARRAGH,
GEORGE S. GREENE,
Croton Aqueduct Board.

OFFICE CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT, }
May 1, 1869.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

A PRIVATE FAMILY NEAR MADISON-sv. will let to gentlemen, with Board, one or two large well-furnished rooms; those willing to pay for superior accommodations only need address Box No. 3,586 Post Office.

No. 29 WEST 26TH-ST.—ROOMS TO let, with board, en suite or singly, with every convenience, handsomely furnished, from the 1st of May; location desirable for gentlemen; apply after 3 o'clock; references exchanged.

TO LET—WITH BOARD, TO GENTLEMEN, a front sitting-room and bedroom, on the second floor; also, front room on the third floor, nicely fitted up; has all the modern improvements. Apply at No. 216 East 20th-st., near 2d-av.

A SUITE OF HANDSOMELY FURNISHED rooms to let to gentlemen, without board; also a single room; references. Apply at No. 20 West 11th-st., near Broadway.

BOARD.—A PARTY OF SINGLE GENTLEmen and gentleman and wife can be accommodated with board and pleasant rooms at No. 240 East 12th-st., near 2d-av.

AN AMERICAN FAMILY WILL LET their front parlor and bedroom adjoining furnished. Price $10 per week. Inquire No. 207 Lexington-av., near 33d-st.

A LARGE PARLOR AND ONE OR two bedrooms handsomely furnished, to let to gentlemen, with breakfast if required, at No. 248 4th-av., opposite Dr. Bellows' Church.

NO. 29 WEST 32D-ST.—A PARLOR and bedroom to let; also, a large extension room on first floor, with board; house first-class in every respect; references exchanged.

FIRST-CLASS BOARD.—A NICELY furnished entire second floor (6 rooms) to let, with excellent board, at reasonable price; best references required and given. Apply at 19 East 17th-st.

HANDSOMELY FURNISHED PARLOR and bedrooms to let in a private family. Also, an office suitable for a physician. Apply at 255 4th-av.

SEVENTEENTH-ST.—ELEGANT ROOMS, without board, to gentlemen only. Apply at No. 104 East 17th-st., near Union square.

ROOMS TO LET—FURNISHED OR UNfurnished, with board, at No. 107 East 28th-st., near 4th-av.; references.

NO. 13 EAST 16TH-ST., BETWEEN Union-square and 5th-av.—A furnished parlor and bedroom to rent, without board, to one gentleman.

TO LET—A NEATLY-FURNISHED HALL bedroom. Apply at No. 8 Union-square.

SUMMER RESORTS.

COZZENS' WEST POINT HOTEL.

Terms for the month of June, $3 50 per day, or $21 per week.
SYLVANUS T. COZZENS.

THE CLARENDON HOTEL,
Saratoga Springs, N. Y.,

Will be open for the reception of guests
JUNE 1, 1869. Board $4 50 per day.
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**NEPTUNE HOUSE, NEW-ROCH

THE RYE NECK MURDER.

New and Important Developments—A Thud and a Stranger—A Belated Villager Overturns Accepted Theories and Deepens the Mystery.

The cautious and shrewd detective, when dealing with a murder, always collects all possible facts as to the actual commission of the crime, as well as to the habits, characteristics and associates of the victim, before contrasting anything to guide him in the investigation, and this was done by the detective charged with the unraveling of the Robinson murder at Rye Neck. It was the opinion of the detective, and of every one knowing ROBINSON intimately, that the murder was done by some associate admitted by himself to the shop; and as he had no intimates except among the residents of the village and its vicinage it was universally conceded that the murderer must be looked for among the villagers. This view of the case was strengthened by the fact that extended inquiries had failed to find any one who had seen any stranger about the village during the night of the murder or the day preceding, and as it is perfectly well-known that no stranger can set foot in small country towns without instantly becoming the theme for all eyes, it was inferred as a certainty that none had been in the place.

But now comes a revelation that is dramatic in the extreme, but still seems to give solid ground on which the detective can work with a prospect of finding the foul miscreant who dealt that horrible blow. A witness has been discovered who is entirely reliable, and who, having been a resident of Mamaroneck for many years, is intimately acquainted with every resident of the neighborhood, and hence is not likely to be mistaken as to the identity of any villager. His story is that late on Monday evening he was going home, and on passing ROBINSON'S shop he heard a thud that sounded to him as if a two-pound weight had fallen to the floor. The door of the shop was closed, but, looking up, he saw the glimmer of a lamp through the fanlight over the door; and knowing the habits of the jeweler so well, he presumed he was at work, and passed on, without the incident making an impression on his mind at the time. He crossed the street diagonally, and thus struck the left-hand side of the bridge. The moon was shining brilliantly, and this belated villager saw every object about him as distinctly as if it had been noon-day. He could see the fishing smacks anchored in the Sound, swaying listlessly with the tide, and he could discern minute objects far down the deserted street. Where he passed upon the bridge is a dozen steps from ROBINSON'S door, and the bridge itself, which is an open one, is not more than twenty-five feet in length, and the road on its further side is guarded by a wooden rail on low posts. Against this rail, with one hand upon it, close up to the end of the bridge, stood a man with his face turned from the road and upon the Sound. This man was a stranger.

The villager as he came abreast of this man, rustic-like, greeted him with "Good evening, Sir." The stranger turned his face for an instant upon the speaker, scowled savagely, gave a slight, impatient shrug to his shoulders, and turned away without speaking. The villager had paused in his walk to receive the response to his salutation, but, seeing these demonstrations, and being a man of brusque speech, said, "Well, if you won't speak you can go to ——," and passed on to his home, looking back only once, and then seeing the stranger motionless as a statue chiseled upon the roadside. The villager looked at his clock the moment he entered his house, and saw that it was 11:20 o'clock. He had heard the thud five minutes previously; he had accosted the stranger two minutes later.

He had never seen that stranger before, and he has never seen him since; but he is minutely photographed upon his mind, and he thus describes him: a man about five feet nine inches high, of heavy but shapely build, a high forehead, a very prominent beaked nose, a thin visage, side whiskers, long dark hair, a long, narrow, bony hand, remarkably small feet encased in light boots, the tops of which were faced with red leather, as could be easily seen, for his pantaloons were thrust inside them. This man of singular physical formation was as singularly dressed. Upon his head was a low crowned, stiff black hat, set resolutely on the back of his head, and he wore, what was remarkable for the season and the place, an army overcoat, the cape of which was lined with red. The overcoat was unbuttoned, and under it could be seen dark clothes that tightly fitted his robust person. This is the man described by the villager, to whose identity he can make oath whenever and wherever he shall see him next. The stranger may cut his hair and shave his face; he may destroy his remarkable clothes, and may assume any one of a score of disguises, but he cannot alter his nose nor the shape of his face, nor the size of his hands and feet, and the villager declares he will know him anywhere and at any time.

One other circumstance has been unearthed as a fact from the interminable gossip of the village. A resident of a neighboring town, returning late on Monday night from a social gathering, passed ROBINSON'S shop about 11:30 o'clock. He drove by he noticed two men standing on the sidewalk immediately in front of the jeweler's door. To him there was nothing peculiar or unusual in the matter, and he scarcely glanced at the men as he drove on. He cannot say whether the men were strangers or not, nor can he describe their dress, and his testimony is important only because it shows that somebody was prowling about the town at a late hour. But the patience of the detective has been rewarded with the acquisition of other facts which are no less valuable because of their negative character. In affairs of this kind it is always vastly important to know who is not the murderer, and it now seems that all the residents of Rye Neck and Mamaroneck are satisfactorily accounted for. Especially is this the case with the person suspected by the whole town, but who, for reasons not necessary to state, it seems certain could not have committed the crime. This is equally true of all the persons who were in STUBER'S lager-beer saloon on Monday night, and who saw the money paid to ROBINSON. It seems a certainty that not one of them followed him to his shop with the design of robbing or killing him, or, indeed, followed him at all. All these are negatives, but they simplify the case wonderfully.

But the belated villager, with his thud and his stranger, and the social resident with his two lingerers in the street, have upset all previously accepted theories, and have enveloped the affair in a seemingly more impenetrable mist. Every fact is laden with a deduction, and it is inferred that the thud was the sound made by the murderer dropping the end of the musket-barrel upon the floor the instant aftes dealing the blow, that the stranger by the bridge was the "outside" pal to give the signal in plain English the confederate to give warning of danger by a prearranged signal, and that the two lingerers of the social resident were the alarmed assassins seen at the moment they were beginning that flight which no human eye followed. These inferences, however, lead to great perplexities, and the detective is yet grappling with them as with unsolved problems. How did these strangers gain admission without violence to the shop of ROBINSON at a late hour of the night? Not having been seen during the day how did they know that it was presumable the jeweler had money? If the assassin came upon his victim when the latter was awake why was there no outcry or struggle, or why was ROBINSON only partially undressed if he had retired for the night? If he had retired is it possible he inadvertently left his door unlocked, or is it probable that a man of his cautious habits would have acceded to the request of a stranger for a lodging for the night? These and many more are questions that need not be asked at all so long as the theory that a treacherous friend had done the deed was undisputed, but the moment a stranger comes upon the scene they must not only be asked, but are for the time unanswerable. Enigmas as they seem, some or all, may yet be solved by the body itself, which District-Attorney DYCKMAN has ordered to be exhumed for proper medical examination. The *post-mortem* made was of the most superficial character, and has left in doubt such simple but highly important matters, as whether there were finger-marks upon the throat, or whether the tongue was protruding after death, which, being resolved affirmatively, would prove the victim to have been seized when awake, to have been throttled, to have been forced back semi-insensible upon the bed to receive the finishing blow, and proving all this, to change the entire legal diagnosis of the case. Knowing the importance of the point, Mr. DYCKMAN has ordered the examination, and will have a searching *post-mortem*, made by skillful experts, and as he will hereafter conduct the examination before the Coroner, it is certain that the witnesses will be exhausted, and all that is of value as evidence obtained.

There are many rumors current in the village, and in the theories constructed upon them are almost as numerous as the inhabitants, but the rumors generally having no basis of fact to rest upon, the theories are valueless. Even when facts are present, the deductions are sometimes unreasonable, as appears to be the case in the revelation that on Monday, about noon, ROBINSON had an altercation on the bridge with a villager of unsavory repute, apparently concerning some old dispute, for the jeweler was heard to say: "You are unshaken, for I never said anything against you." The deduction from this mid-day bridge scene is a murder for revenge, but it must ignore the marks of the bloody fingers in the pockets which seem to prove so conclusively a cool, determined, premeditated killing for money. But in pursuing an unknown assassin every thing is of moment, and this matter being worthy of attention is receiving it. This phase of the case and every other is being vigorously worked up, and if nothing tangible or certain is developed at the inquest on Wednesday next, it will not be because no effort has been made. The county authorities have offered a reward of $500 for the apprehension of the murderer, and this has been supplemented by $1,000 offered by the citizens of Rye Neck and Mamaroneck. If detective skill and pertinacious effort can hunt down this assassin, hunted down he will be, but skill and effort as yet have hardly got scent of the game.

Arrest for Alleged Arson.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday morning a fire was discovered in the cellar of No. 225 Wayne-street, Jersey City, occupied on the first floor by CHARLES BUSH as a grocery store, and the upper part by Mrs. DELANEY as a boarding-

[illegible] discovered a weak [illegible] and rubbish and [illegible] speedily the fire was [illegible] Engine-house, and was [illegible] The prisoner was locked up to await examination to-day.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

St. Ann's Church [illegible] by Rev. Dr. Morgan.

Rev. WILLIAM F. MORGAN, D. D., last evening preached a sermon in St. Ann's Church, Eighth-street, before delegates representing Church Societies in different colleges, selecting as his text the words, "Be not forgetful hearers, but doers of the work." Having an earnest sympathy, he said, in the work in which you are engaged, I the more gladly am called on to give you words of counsel and encouragement in relation thereto. "Doers of the work" are found in Christian communities and in carrying out the spirit of Christianity. The life of Christ was all earnest reality. Throughout his whole career on earth he was an active, laborious worker. Instead of living a life of ease and worldly luxury, he became as a child, while in the highest intellectual sense the very fountain of wisdom, constant, laborious, unwearied work was his. Bringing him in contact and in conflict with the prejudices and passions of men. The close of his life was a triumph. He died, having accomplished saluation for a guilty world; he passed from life a woman's tears, and, drying her eyes, he arose to bless children. His doctrines were demonstrations, and his power divine in its purity and its truth. His love was universal not [illegible] richly did his disciples drink in his spirit. They were no dreamers, they were workers, not so much by the eloquence or reasoning powers, but by their more powerful weapons of patience and active labor, not flowing ebullitions beginning and ending in words. Our faith is a practical agent, intended to pursue practical works and supply practical aid. A few centuries back Christianity was lulled to sleep. It was the fashion of the time to lie in this idle, listless condition, yet its life was not extinguished though it slumbered. Dwelling in cloisters it kept charge of its little deeds, copying the Bible and preserving ancient traditions, and this was no unimportant work. It preserved a barrier against infidelity and barbarism, kept the essential faith alive, and thus proved a true worker. This is an age of earnest activity. Everywhere we see the deep workings of the human mind, the kindling of enlightenment and upheaving of earnest, active passion, and though we must not in general conform to the world, yet in this respect the Church might profitably imitate the advancement of the age. While the world is awake the Church must not sleep; if the former is bursting away from technicalities and rising to larger and broader views and action, it is not for the latter to rest supinely with folded arms, but copy its spirit in so far as it breathes animation. Children of the Church should not be mere hearers, while the people of the world are moulding everything into palpable results. The reverend doctor then referred to the work of the Society. The time was coming, he said, when the highest refinement should prevail in the land, when words of blasphemy would cease to be heard, wars cease from among men, and error, false doctrine, vice and profligacy be driven from the presence of mankind; when commerce, science and art should be the allies of Christianity, and purity and love, and the praise and glory of God should resound to the ends of the earth. To this end is the Society laboring; to this glorious result shall their work contribute. Notwithstanding they should have to contend with skepticism and the so-called religion of reason, out of the Church and in the Church, with the tendency to magnify church organization above the faith of which it is the conservator, the chaff above the wheat, the casket above the jewel, the forms of religion above the substance—yet, taking the Bible as their chart, that great guide which reason could not create and cannot destroy, they will prosper in their work as surely as Christianity must triumph, and the Lord reign over all the earth, and may God bless them, and cause the waste places to be built up, and the desert to blossom as the garden of the Lord.

Rev. Dr. Frotheringham on Secular Religion.

The new meeting place of the Third Unitarian Society, at Lyric Hall, in Sixth-avenue, near Forty-first-street, was occupied for the first time yesterday morning. The Society have sold their church in Fortieth-street at a handsome profit, and leased the present building until they can make arrangements for building a hall in some central locality, with rooms adapted for lectures, literary, dramatic, social or other entertainments, with stores underneath from which an income may be derived sufficient to make the seats free. For the present the pew system is to be continued, but, as heretofore, strangers will always be welcome. The service yesterday did not differ from that on ordinary occasions. Rev. Mr. FROTHINGHAM preached on "Secular Religion" from the text "Behold the hour cometh and now is when neither in this tempie nor at Jerusalem shall you worship the Father." These words, he said, conveyed the intimation that the time was coming when the forms of religion should be laid aside, and worship become free, open and spiritual. We have left our church to come to a hall in obedience to this feeling, not because we could not keep up our church, or wanted a better one, but because we were opposed to having a church. We take this hall because it is a secular building, used for secular purposes, and in doing so we stand before the world in the true light. We wish religion to take its place among the other respectable and innocent things of our common life—Science, Art, Literature and Amusement. It may be said this will lower religion, but such will not be the case. It is a poor compliment to religion that it must shut itself from the world. Ever since history began, man has been trained by religion; and must all discipline pass for naught? Must religion ever live in the nursery, and cannot it take its place with the other forces which surround man? If not, it is no longer a social power!

The vital question of the age is the relation of religion to life. Once in this question religion was paramount to life, and controlled all its aspects and relations. But by the progress of science, art, literature and other influences, the condition of affairs is reversed, and the question now is, will the world accept religion or not? Religion hangs on the outskirts of society, and the Church, instead of ruling is ruled by the world. Religion does not affect politics, trade, or any other of the great movements of the time, and is losing its hold on men. The reverend speaker said this is a great misfortune, for it is indispensable that men should have a religion; but to effect this it is religion that must be modified and not life—the interests of which are beyond alteration by us and cannot be changed. He then proceeded to show that in order to exert an influence on practical life, religion must become unecclesiastical—must cease to be theological. It must cease to lay so much stress on the future, and devote a little time to guiding them in the present life. It must also cease to claim interest in itself as a peculiar institution, and must take its place with other agents in life. He concluded by drawing a powerful picture of the future which is in store for religion, when it shall comply with these requirements and become rightly secularized.

Defence of the Christian Religion.

Rev. WM. J. LOOMIS lectured at the Antioch Baptist Church, in Bleecker-street, last evening, his lecture being entitled "The Failure of the Christian Religion." The title was a misnomer, however, the lecturer acknowledging that he used it for the purpose of attracting attention to the theories of certain skeptical thinkers about the impotency of the Christian religion, which he should undertake to controvert. He said that it was unjust to pronounce Christianity a failure because of its inability to make all persons equally intelligent; neither was it sound reason to say of the Christian religion that it was a failure because of the ignorance of mankind. The truth of God has remained intact and glorious against all attacks, and it was not to be supposed that it was destroyed because it had not succeeded in converting the world after the lapse of eighteen centuries.

Rev. S. A. Corey on Representative Young Men in Folly and Vice.

A very appreciative audience assembled at the Murray Hill Baptist Chapel, in Lexington-avenue, near Thirty-seventh-street, last evening, to listen to a sermon by Rev. SIDNEY A. COREY, on "Representative Young Men in Folly and Vice." The speaker said that there are in a large city like New-York more than a thousand petty excitements continually occurring to prevent young men who come here from the country from exercising profound reflection on any subject pertaining to their temporal and eternal well-being, and it was against these that the first place he desired to caution young men who come here to seek their fortunes. With regard to the multitudinous dissipations in which city young men now indulge, it is a sad reflection that many of the heretofore most respectable families are fast dying out. In country life there are no perfluous excitements such as the city affords, and hence there is not such a wear and tear either of the physical or mental system. Hence a vigorous frame generally distinguishes those who come here from the rural districts, and if they pursue the right and virtuous path, they become mentally the superiors of such as are city-bred, their mental organism being continually aided in its exercise by a healthful and robust physique. The country is constantly renovating the city and pouring new life into its veins. Unfortunately, too many of those who come here, however, become by dissipation mere wrecks of humanity, ruin their prospects both for this life and the life hereafter, and sink into an early grave. The great adversary here spreads his nets on every course, and is too successful in [illegible] 160 Third-street. Coroner SCHIRMER was notified to hold an inquest.

MARGARET CUNNINGHAN, having fallen into the North River from Pier No. 14, had the good fortune to be fished out by Officers GILLESPIE and BUCKRIDGE, of the Twenty-seventh Precinct.

JAMES HALLAWAY, of No. 299 Broome-street, fell yesterday on the corner of Broome and Chrystie streets, and seriously injured his head.

MARY PHALON, No. 278 East Seventy-fourth-street, died suddenly yesterday morning from disease of the heart. Coroner ROLLINS will hold an inquest.

A small boat, containing two men, capsized last evening in Harlem River, near Central Bridge, and notwithstanding every exertion was made to save both, one of the men was drowned. He was a resident of Westchester County, and was named THOMAS MCMANNUS. The body has not yet been recovered.

Last evening a man was found in the street suffering from fits, and was sent to Bellevue Hospital. He stated that his name is GEO. W. REED, and that he is a son of Judge REED, of Philadelphia, Ex-United States Minister to China.

The Central Park meteorological report for last week sets forth the following facts and figures: Barometer—Mean, 29.867 inches; maximum, (9 P. M., April 25,) 30.008 inches; minimum, (9 P. M., May 1,) 29.540 inches; range, .468. Thermometer—Mean, 50.51 degrees; maximum, (1 P. M., April 27,) 74 degrees; minimum, (5 A. M., April 30,) 38 degrees; range 36. April 28, rain from 10:45 P. M. to midnight; amount of water, .03 inch. April 29, rain from midnight to 2:15 P. M.; amount of water, .36 inch. May 1, rain from 8:30 A. M. to midnight; amount of water, .58 inch. Total of water for week, .97 inch.

Rev. THOMAS STREET delivered a lecture last evening upon "Drinking," at the North Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Thirty-first-street and Ninth-avenue. The inclement state of the weather did not prevent a large gathering, and throughout the lecture the theme carried with it the marked attention of the audience. The lecturer took for his text, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." (Prov. 20, chap. iv.)

New-Jersey.

An old resident of Hudson County, who tribe, proposes the enactment of a law prohibiting has followed shad-fishing for the past fifty years, and who mourns over the constantly growing scarcity of that most delicious family of the finny fishing for shad except between the 1st of March and 25th of May, and stopping the wholesale destruction of the small fish which is practiced at many points up the North River, where they are caught in small meshes and used for manure. He also suggests that no nets should be permitted to be used with meshes less than five and one-half inches. Such a law would not only protect shad, but bass and other delicious fish common to the Hudson River.

Negotiations are pending for the right of way for the extension of the Morris and Essex Railroad between Paterson and tidewater. The proposed extension would not only furnish a new road from the coal regions, but would also be an important passenger route through Central New-York to Lake Ontario, besides giving to Paterson a new and more direct communication with Morris and Warren Counties, N. J., as well as to New-York City.

HENRY A. HELLERMAN has been appointed Postmaster at Hudson City, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. TRIPP.

In the case of BENJAMIN W. COLE, the Sunday School teacher, tried last week in the Passaic County Court, for an alleged outrage on one of his female scholars, the jury returned a verdict of assault.

In the same Court, CHAS. IZEN, convicted of having committed an outrage on a woman at Passaic, was sent to the State Prison five years.

At noon, yesterday, a chimney fire occurred in a rear tenement-house, belonging to Mr. MCMANUS, in Morgan-street, near Grove-street, Jersey City, caused by one of the inmates attempting to kindle a fire with kerosene.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, May 1—1 P. M.

COTTON—The market closed quiet at the following quotations: Middling Uplands, 11¾d.; Middling Orleans, 12¼d. The sales of the day have been 8,000 bales.

PRODUCE—Resin, 4s. 9d. ℔ cwt. for Common North Carolina. Turpentine, 29s. 3d. ℔ cwt.

HAVRE, Saturday, May 1.

COTTON—The market opens quiet and steady.

LONDON, Saturday, May 1—11 A. M.

To-day being a holiday the Stock Board is closed.

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COTTON—The market opens quiet and steady. Middling Uplands, 11¾d.; Middling Orleans, 12¼d. The sales of the day are estimated at 8,000 bales.

PARIS, Saturday, May 1.

Bourse stronger; Rentes, 72f. 5c.

FRANKFORT, Saturday, May 1.

United States Five-twenties closed at 87 for the issue of 1862

ANTWERP, Saturday, May 1.

Petroleum easier; Refined, 51¾f.

HAVRE, Saturday, May 1.

Cotton closed buoyant at last quotations.

FRANKFORT, Sunday, May 2.

United States Five-twenties are quoted to-day at 86¾@86⅞.

HAVANA, Saturday, May 1.

The following is the report of our markets, for the week ending to-day: SUGAR—Large business, but prices steady; market closed buoyant at 8½@9 reals, for Nos. 10 to 12, and 9¾@11 reals, for Nos. 15 to 20, D. S. Last firm at 8¾@9c., closing steady and firm. FLOUR flat at $8 25@$9 87. BUTTER steady at 36c. BACON steady at 19½c. HONEY firm at 4¼@4¾ reals. WAX—Yellow quiet at $7 50@$8 12½; White buoyant at $12 12½@12 87½, ℔ arroba. PETROLEUM active at 5½@6¼ reals, ℔ gallon. POTATOES, $3 25 ℔ bbl. HAMS active. LUMBER in demand; Yellow Pine, $22; White, $27. SHOOKS for boxes in demand, at 9¾ reals. Empty hhds. dull, at $2 12½. Empty hhds. steady, at $2 25. FREIGHTS declining; on Sugar to United States, $1 25@$1 50 ℔ box; $5 50@$7 25 ℔ hhd.; on Molasses, ℔ hhd., $3 50@$4 25; ℔ ton to England, 35s.@40s. EXCHANGE—On London, 11½@12 premium; on Paris, 1@1½ ℔ cent. discount; on United States, sixty days' sight, in gold, ½@1 ℔ cent. premium; short sight, 2½@2¾ ℔ cent. premium. Sugar—Stock in warehouse at Havana and Matanzas 294,500 boxes and 16,000 hhds.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Saturday, May 1.

EXCHANGE on New-York irregular at par, buying and 1-10 ℔ cent. premium selling. FLOUR dull; Spring Extras, $4 75@6 25. WHEAT quiet; sales of No. 1 at $1 14¾@$1 15; No. 2, $1 10¾; the market was unchanged this afternoon. CORN firmer at 58¾c.@59c. for No. 1; 55¾c.@56¾c. for No. 2; 49¾c.@50¾c. for rejected, and 51c.@51¾c. for New. OATS active at an advance of ¾c.@1c.; sales of No. 2 at 35¾c.@36c. RYE quiet at $1 16@$1 16¾. BARLEY dull and nominal at $1 67¾. HIGHWINES firmer; 89c. was asked, and 88c. was offered. MESS PORK, $30 50@$31. LARD dull and nominal at 17¾c.@17¾c. Sweet-pickled HAMS nominal at 15c.@15¾c.; Cumberlands, 14¾c.; Short Ribs, 15¾c.; Short Clear, 15¾c. Live HOGS dull at a decline of 5c.@10c.; sales at $6 60@$6 25 for Fair to Good Choice. Beef CATTLE quiet at $5 25@$6 for Fair to Good Steers; $6 25@$6 50 for Fair to Medium; $6 75@$7 for Good to Choice Second-class Beeves. RECEIPTS—8,000 bbls. Flour, 30,000 bushels Wheat, 39,000 bushels Corn, 2,800 bushels Oats, 9,000 Hogs. SHIPMENTS—13,000 bbls. Flour, 110,000 bushels Wheat, 72,000 bushels Corn, 15,000 bushels Oats, 1,400 bushels Rye, 6,000 Hogs. FREIGHTS dull and heavy, at 5c. on Corn to Buffalo.

OSWEGO, Saturday, May 1.

FLOUR in good demand, but prices are unchanged; sales 1,200 bbls. at $6 50 for No. 1 Spring; $7 2@7 25 for Amber Winter; $8 for White, and $9 for Double Extra. WHEAT dull and unchanged; sales of small lots of No. 1 Milwaukee Club at $1 40; No. 2 Chicago Spring held at $1 25, and White Canada at $1 60@$1 85. CORN scarce; No. 1 is selling in car lots at 90c.; New Illinois was offered, to arrive, at 70c. OATS dull; small sales of Western at 70c. BARLEY held at $1 80@$1 85 for Canadian. RYE and PEAS inactive. MILLFEED unchanged. Railroad FREIGHTS on Flour—To Boston, 88c.; to New-York, 88c.; to Albany, 50c. Lake IMPORTS—22,700 bushels Wheat, 1,100 bushels Barley, 4,400 bushels Rye, 639,000 feet of Lumber.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, May 1.

TOBACCO steady, but unchanged. COTTON unchanged. FLOUR heavy and unchanged. WHEAT easier; Prime and Choice Red, $1 30@$1 70; Fancy White, $2; Spring, in sacks, $1 07½@$1 11½ for Fair to Prime, and $1 15@$1 16 for Choice. CORN dull at 50c.@53½c. BARLEY unchanged. RYE steady at $1 24@$1 25. WHISKY dull at 86c.@87c. PORK dull and unchanged. Bulk MEATS—Loose Shoulders at Keokuk, 11¼c. BACON lower at 13c. for Shoulders; 18¾c.@17c. for Clear Sides. LARD dull; Choice Country Kettle, 17c.; Choice City, 18c. CATTLE steady at $4@7 25. HOGS, $7@10. RECEIPTS—3,500 bbls. Flour, 35,000 bushels Wheat, 5,000 bushels Corn, 5,500 bushels Oats, 2,200 bushels Barley.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, May 1.

FLOUR dull and unchanged. WHEAT held at $1 35@$1 43 for No. 2 and No. 1 Winter. CORN dull and lower; the supply is large; sales at 58c.@60c.; not offered freely. OATS unchanged; the supply is light. BARLEY unchanged. COTTON quiet and unchanged. TOBACCO—No sales. WHISKY dull at 90c.@91c.; the latter was asked. PROVISIONS dull and nominal, with no demand. MESS PORK held at $31. Bulk MEATS held at 12c. for prime Kettle; there was but little demand. GOLD, 134¾. MONEY easy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, May 1.

FLOUR—A number of sales for export were made to-day on private terms; market steady at $4 37½@$5 25. WHEAT heavy; sales of choice at $1 50. LEGAL TENDERS, 75¾c. MINING STOCKS have been active during the week; a corner has been developed in Sierra Nevada, sending the stock as high as $210; the market closed at a general advance; Alpha, $44; Belcher, $25; Bullion, $32; Challar, $235; Confidence, $39; Crown Point, $68; Empire Mill, $57; Gould & Curry, $127; Hale & Norcross, $175; Imperial, $83; Kentuck, $320; Occidental, $28; Ophir, $33; Overman,

LOUISVILLE, Saturday, May 1.

TOBACCO—Sales 91 hhds.; Common and Good Logs, $4 80@$5 90; Manufacturing Leaf, $24. Mess PORK, $31 25. LARD, 18¼c.@18¾c. BACON—Shoulders, 13¾c.@13¾c.; Clear Rib Sides, 16¾c.@17c.; Clear Sides, 17¾c.@17¾c. Bulk MEATS—Shoulders, 13¼c.; Clear Rib Sides, 15¾c.; Clear Sides, 16¾c. FLOUR, $5 25@$5 50. WHEAT, $1 40@$1 45. CORN, 66c.@68c. OATS, 68c.@70c. RYE, $1 47. WHISKY, 91c. COTTON, 26c.

MEMPHIS, Saturday, May 1.

COTTON firmer; Low Middlings, 26½c.; receipts, 226 bales; exports, 243 bales. FLOUR heavy; Superfine, $5 25@$5 75. CORN, 75c. PORK, $32. LARD, 18c.@19¼c. BACON firm; Shoulders, 13¾c.; Sides, 17¾c.@17¾c. Bulk MEATS dull; Shoulders, 12¾c.; Sides, 16¾c.

BALTIMORE, Saturday, May 1.

COTTON quiet and steady at 28c. for Middlings. FLOUR dull and irregular. WHEAT dull and weak; Choice Red, $2 15. CORN dull; Prime White, 82c.@84c.; Yellow, 87c. OATS dull at 70c.@72c. for Light; 75c.@76c. for Heavy. RYE dull and nominal at $1 45. PROVISIONS unchanged. WHISKY dull at 92c.

MOBILE, Ala., Saturday, May 1.

COTTON quiet; sales 900 bales, including 300 after the close of the market yesterday; Low Middlings, 26¼c.@26½c.; receipts, 145 bales; no exports.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Saturday, May 1.

Spirits TURPENTINE firm at 41½c. RESIN, $1 90@$9. Crude TURPENTINE unchanged. TAR unchanged. COTTON quiet at 26c.@26¼c.

DETROIT, Saturday, May 1.

WHEAT active and firm; Extra White, $1 77@$1 78; No. 1 do., $1 60; No. 2 do., $1 36@$1 37. CORN, 69c. OATS, 55c.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Saturday, May 1.

COTTON closed firm; Middlings, 27¼c.; sales, 550 bales; receipts, 375 bales; exports, coastwise, 551 bales.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Saturday, May 1.

COTTON market firmer; sales, 550 bales; receipts, 120 bales; Middlings, 26¼c.@26¾c.

Philadelphia Stock Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 1.

Stocks steady; Pennsylvania State Fives, 101¾; Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, 28¾; Reading Railroad, 48; Pennsylvania Railroad, —. Gold, 134¾.

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THE WORLD-RENOWNED CARPET STORE, No. 99 BOWERY.—Great bargains in English body and tapestry Brussels, three-ply and ingrain carpets, mattings, floor oil-cloths, &c. Don't fail to call on HIRAM ANDERSON, No. 99 Bowery.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

FROM EUROPE.

City of Baltimore...April 21..Liverpool..New-York.

FOR EUROPE.

City of Manchester	May 4.	New-York	Liverpool.
Germania	May 4.	New-York	Hamburg.
Siberia	May 5.	New-York	Liverpool.
Denmark	May 5.	New-York	Liverpool.
Idaho	May 5.	New-York	Liverpool.
Palmyra	May 6.	New-York	Liverpool.
Donau	May 6.	New-York	Bremen.
Celia	May 7.	New-York	London.
City of Baltimore	May 8.	New-York	Liverpool.
Columbia	May 8.	New-York	Glasgow.

FOR HAVANA AND VERA CRUZ.

Columbia	May 6.	New-York	Havana.
City of Mexico	May 8.	New-York	Vera Cruz.

Departure of Foreign Mails.

TUESDAY.

Mails for Halifax, Bermuda, &c., by the *City of Manchester*, close at the General Post Office at 11 A. M.

Mails for Europe, *via* Plymouth, Cherbourg and Hamburg, by the *Germania*, close at 12 A. M. Supplementary mail for *paid* letters on Pier foot of Third-street, Hoboken, to 1:45 P. M.

Closing of Domestic Mails.

North, Poughkeepsie Way	5 A. M.; 4 P. M.
North, through *viâ* H. R. R. R. and New-York Central	5 A. M.; 4, 9:15 P. M.
North Way, *viâ* Harlem R. R., Chatham Four Corners	5 A. M.
East, *viâ* New-Haven	5 A. M.; 1:30, 6 P. M.
East, *viâ* Newport	4 P. M.
East, New-Haven Way	5 A. M.; 2:20 P. M.
East, *viâ* River, rail	7 A. M.
South, Through	5 A. M.; 7:30 P. M.
Philadelphia Way	5 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.
West Mail, through to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Indianapolis, Columbus, Chicago, St. Paul, St. Joseph, Salt Lake and Denver	7 A. M.; 6:30 P. M.
West Mail, through to Cleveland, Toledo, and by A. & G. Western R. R. to Franklin and Meadville, Penn., &c.	5 A. M.; 4 P. M.

Passengers Arrived.

MAY 2—*In steamship Hermann, from Bremen*—Diedrich Stegmann, Felix Kohn, H. Stovesandt, Geo. Meintrup and wife, F. Baumgarten and child, G. Hasbera, Chas. Meyers, Simon Guggenheimer, Jos. Tritt, Geo. Geiger, Cath. Roos, C. C. Weber, Levy Engel, W. Vockervelt and family, Theo. Bouchsein, G. H. Kalleyer, Louis Muller, Frank Muller, Anna Schwarz, Ludwig Franke, Mrs. M. Franke, H. Wiemann and family, W. Flake, Franz Steiner, Emil Vossler, D. Kuck, Elise Koch, Carl Meier, Geo. Plump and family, A. Rusch, Arundel Arundel and child, G. Hasbera, Otto Suter, C. Rupp and wife, G. Fei, G. Fenrig and family, Anna Isley, G. Schmeltz and child, G. Berger, Isabelle Meyer, Christine Werner, Dr. G. A. Maack, Jas. Purdy, Mr. Wood, J. D. Townes, Mr. Janneret, Miss Sophie Hess, James Stark, Mrs. Stark.

MAY 2—*In steamship Columbia, from Glasgow*—Wm. Grant, J. F. Gibson, Mrs. Shaw, Eliza Minto, H. McEnna, Mrs. A. Murphy, Arthur Murphy, Mrs. Wilkie, L. L. Sharpe, Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. M. Cummings, Jane Nilson, John Latta, Mrs. Latta, E. Latta, Mary Lowrey, Thos. McHutcheon, A. M. Faulds, Niel McNeil, Richard and Thomas. L. Baird.

In steamship General Barnes, from Savannah—J. V. O'Donohue, F. Crary, H. Frians, L. N. Edgar, F. B. Spencer, wife, nurse and 2 children, B. Cutting, wife, 2 children and servants, Mrs. R. J. Moses, nurse and child, Mrs. B. La Rose, Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. S. Palmer, Dr. J. B. Foot and lady, Miss M. E. Bond, S. F. Bogart, A. B. Bogart, J. R. Clark, wife and 2 children, W. C. Allen, A. F. Herzog, C. J. Bulkley and wife, J. W. Randall and wife, Mrs. Mumford, Miss Grig, F. S. Salisbury and wife, Miss J. C. Wright and nurse, Miss Chew, Geo. Jones and wife, Miss Jones, R. M. Hunt, Geo. Party and wife, J. Barnard, M. E. Griffin, C. Herchfeld, W. J. Edwards, V. M. Seeking, Jr., and 13 in the steerage.

NEWS PACKAGES FOR THE PRESS.

Captains and pursers of vessels arriving at this port are requested to deliver packages addressed to the New-York Associated Press only to parties exhibiting the written authority of J. W. Simonton, General Agent.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises..... 4 56 | Sun sets..... 6 58 | Moon rises. 1 03

Sandy Hook. 1 25 | Gov. Island. 2 14 | Hell Gate.. 3 36

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....SUNDAY, May 2.

Arrived.

Steamship Hermann, (N. G.,) Wenke, Bremen April 17, via Southampton 20th, at 6 P. M., with mdse. and 835 passengers to Oelrichs & Co. Experienced strong westerly winds nearly the whole passage. April 37, lat. 44 16, lon. 45 34, passed bark St. Lawrence, (Br.,) bound W.; 29th, lat. 43 49, lon. 57 46, passed steamship Kangaroo, from Liverpool for New-York; same date, lat. 42 49, lon. 59, passed ship Jenod, (Br.,) bound W.; May 1, 7 A. M., lat. 40 47, lon. 69 30, passed ship American Congress, from London for New-York. The Hermann arrived off Sandy Hook at 9 P. M. 1st, and was detained outside by an E. gale and thick weather until next morning at daylight.

Steamship Columbia, (Br.,) Carnaghan, Glasgow April 16, via Moville 17th, with mdse. and 643 passengers to Henderson Bros. Experienced strong westerly winds all the way to the west of the Banks, and from thence variable winds.

Steamship General Barnes, Morton, Savannah April 29, with mdse. and passengers to Livingston, Fox & Co. Experienced heavy N. E. and N. W. gales the entire passage.

Steamship Mariposa, Kemble, New-Orleans April 25, at 8 A. M., and South Pass at 4:30 P. M., with mdse. and passengers to H. B. Cromwell & Co. Was 48 hours from Hatteras, with heavy N. E. gales.

Steamship Crescent City, Holmes, New-Orleans April 24, and Southwest Pass 25th, with mdse. and passengers to Frederic Baker.

Steamship Erin, (Br.,) Webster, Liverpool April 16, and Queenstown 17th, with mdse. and passengers to National Steamship Co.

Steamship Acushnet, Kelly, New-Bedford, with mdse. and passengers to Ferguson & Wood.

Steamship Albatross, Davis, Fall River.

Brig Little Fury, (of St. John, N. B.,) Cunningham, Buenos Ayres 50 da., with hides, &c., to Heney & Parker. Has been 4 da. N. of Hatteras with strong variable winds and squalls; split sails, &c.; had fine weather the remainder of the passage; crossed the equator April 7, in lon. 39.

Schr. Helene, Bahrs, Nassau April 20, with sugar to Benj. Burgess, of Boston. The H. is bound to Boston; put into this port for repairs, having, April 26, off Delaware Lightship, during a heavy N. E. gale, broke the tiller; will procure a new one and proceed on the voyage.

Schr. Adrian, Hall, Rockland, with lime to W. S. Brown & Co.

Schr. Angenora, Lore, Franklin 7 da., with lumber to master.

Schr. Harriet Fuller, Miller,